

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Seattle Prep community,

I write today to share that the Board of Trustees received and accepted the resignation proffered by Kent Hickey, the President of Seattle Prep.

We are grateful for Kent's significant contributions to the Prep community during his fifteen years of service. We wish him good health and God's blessings in the days and years ahead.

The Board will commence a search for the next President of Seattle Prep, with announcements regarding our schedule to be made soon.

On behalf of the Board, please join me in thanking Kent for his dedication to Seattle Prep. A farewell note from Kent is included below.

Sincerely, Jaylene Howard Chair, Seattle Prep Board of Trustees

Dear Seattle Prep Friends,

I let close friends and family know in the fall that this year would likely be my last at Seattle Prep. I felt that 15 years was certainly long enough, and that a change would be good for both me and Prep.

Though I continue to thoroughly enjoy teaching and leading Seattle Prep, for many months now I have felt more heavily the challenging decisions and disruptions during this time of COVID. After 23 years as the head of two Catholic high schools, combined with the long work hours and anxiety over a recent health scare, I feel that I am running on empty. Prep and all of you deserve more than I can now give of myself.

I do not know what is next for me. I do plan to take time I have never taken before to be with my family and focus on improving my health and well-being. This is advice I have given to others in the past, and I need to now follow that advice myself.

I have let the Board know that I stand ready to assist in upcoming transitions when and where needed. And I look forward to re-connecting with members of the community at future functions, including the Merlino Center grand opening this fall!

Please know that Seattle Prep will always remain very much in my thoughts and prayers.

AMDG, Kent Hickey