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Dear Colleagues and Friends in Catholic Education,

We hope your summer has been peaceful and relaxing. Today, we are sharing an update regarding a key administrative support role for our Secondary Schools.

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has approved the appointment of Ms. Patricia Rooney as an Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Her appointment will become effective Monday, July 22, 2024.

Ms. Rooney possesses 29 years of experience in education, including 13 years in various leadership capacities. Since September 2021, she has served as Principal of Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School (Bonner & Prendie) in Drexel Hill (Delaware County). There, she has led initiatives to foster data-driven professional development, secured significant grant funding, and established key partnerships to enhance educational opportunities for students.

Previously, she served as Principal of the former Bishop McDevitt High School in Wyncote (Montgomery County) and held various administrative roles at Camelot Education in New Jersey. Earlier in her career, Ms. Rooney served as a teacher at various Philadelphia area schools including MaST Charter School, where she taught Math and at Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Parish School in Philadelphia, where she taught Language Arts.

Ms. Rooney holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Saint Joseph's University and a Master of Education Degree in Special Education from Holy Family University along with a Pennsylvania Principal Certification.

Please join us in extending heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Rooney as she prepares to assume her new role in service to the ministry of Catholic Education. Concurrently, she will continue to support the Bonner & Prendie community until an Interim Principal is appointed for the school.

We are deeply grateful for your belief in our schools and your partnership in the fulfillment of our mission of forming young men and women of character as Missionary Disciples for Christ in the world around them. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families during the remaining summer months.

Sincerely in Christ,

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