

DE MARILLAC ACADEMY

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Dear De Marillac Academy Community:

A hallmark of our De Marillac Academy family is the respect we share for our mission of transforming lives. Over the past decade, my life has been forever transformed by the collective spirit of hope that strongly resonates throughout all members of our community. Thank you for sharing this gift so passionately and consistently with me over the years.

I am writing to inform you that I was recently appointed by Brother Donald Johanson, FSC, Visitor of the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans, as the incoming Director of the Office of Education, Mont La Salle, effective July 2016. I am thrilled to continue to serve the De La Salle Christian Brothers and the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans in support of their schools, including De Marillac Academy. The Board of Trustees of De Marillac Academy will commence a search for the next President of De Marillac Academy immediately.

I am grateful to the Daughters of Charity and the De La Salle Christian Brothers for the opportunity to serve and lead De Marillac Academy over the past 10 years. I also offer my heartfelt appreciation to all in our community:

- to the students, graduates and families of De Marillac, from whom I have learned much about perseverance, resilience and courage;
- to the faculty, staff and volunteers, who have inspired me by their hard work on behalf of our students and graduates;
- to the supporters of De Marillac, who have generously partnered with us in our efforts to meet the needs of Tenderloin youth.

I am confident in the strength of the mission of De Marillac Academy, the leadership of the Trustees and, most importantly, the experience, commitment and wisdom of the faculty, staff and administration. De Marillac's Vice President, Mike Anderer, and Principal, Chris Giangregorio, have nearly 35 years of combined experience serving in different Miguel Schools across the country, the model upon which De Marillac is based. Our program leaders Michelle Batista, Tom Coughlan, Lauren Stevens Deshotels, Tina Diamond Sardinia, and Adam Vincent provide expertise in areas such as co-curriculars, graduate and family support, finance and development. Furthermore, the passion of De Marillac's educators is matched only by their dedication to our holistic program.

At this time, the welfare of the De Marillac students and families remains my utmost concern. As such, I am committed to implementing a smooth, effective transition of leadership. I am also grateful for the chance to remain an extended member of the De Marillac Academy community through my new role in leadership with the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans.

Thank you for your dedicated and loyal service as De Marillac Academy's community of faculty, staff, volunteers, parents, graduates and benefactors. Your committed partnership is critical to sustaining the dynamic services provided for the students, graduates, and families entrusted to our care. I look forward to continuing to support De Marillac's mission alongside you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Michael Daniels, Ed.D.
President & CEO