



FROM: Lorcan P. Barnes
President

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RE: CBHS Principal

I am pleased to announce that John O'Connor has accepted our invitation to serve as the 47th Principal of Christian Brothers High School, effective July 1, 2016. John brings considerable experience and a deep commitment to Lasallian Catholic education to the position, currently serving as Principal of Archbishop O'Hara High School, a Lasallian school in Kansas City, MO.



This news is the culmination of a process that began in December with the announcement of Principal Mary Hesser's pending retirement. A Principal Search Committee was formed to conduct a national search. The committee, comprised of Jim Adams – Former Superintendent, Diocese of Sacramento and retired president of Chaminade College Prep (Chatsworth, CA); Janet Ruggiero – District of San Francisco New Orleans; Stephanie Cooper-Noe – CB parent; Laurie Power – Chief Academic Officer, Diocese of Sacramento; Myra Makelim – Human Resources Director; Thomas Guro'03 – Religious Studies instructor; and Chrys Cassetta – English Department instructor; reviewed applications and screened a number of highly qualified candidates. The group recommended that the Leadership Team meet with three outstanding educators. Two candidates advanced to the third round of the process which included an address to the faculty and staff. I then conducted extensive interviews with the two finalists and at that time determined that John O'Connor would best serve our community. His personal character, professionalism and resolute dedication to our Lasallian Catholic mission were unmatched in the process.

John has 22 years of experience in education and has served as a teacher, coach, dean of students, athletic director, assistant principal and principal. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from University of Missouri, Columbia and a master's degree in school leadership from Baker University. John and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters, the older of whom will begin her freshman year at CB in August.

I am grateful to the Principal Search Committee for so generously sharing their time, insight, and dedication throughout the process. I know that I speak for John and myself when I say that we look forward to building on CB's 140-year tradition of excellent education in a faith-filled Lasallian Catholic community.