



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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Dear members of the Notre Dame Academy community,

As you are probably aware, our president search professionals from Educational Directions, Mathew Heersche and Risa Oganessoff Heersche, visited campus recently to learn about the Notre Dame Academy community, our culture, the opportunities for the new president and the qualities sought in our new leader. Mathew and Risa enjoyed the opportunity to engage with all of the various constituents and appreciated the very warm welcome they received. They saw a school clearly grounded in the mission and spirit of the Sisters of Notre Dame education and appreciated the strong commitment our community has to the education of young women.

If you did not have the chance to meet with them or would like to share additional thoughts, there is still an opportunity to complete our online survey. The survey is available by clicking on the following link: [President Search Survey](#). The survey will remain open until **Monday, May 17**.

Mathew and Risa, using the information gathered during their visit as well as the survey, will develop a search prospectus which will articulate the special qualities of the Notre Dame Academy community, the opportunities for the president, as well as the qualities sought, both personal and professional. This document will be shared with the search committee for review and approval.

The search prospectus will be used as part of the recruitment efforts. Over the course of the next several months, Mathew and Risa will reach out to individual Catholic educational leaders and programs, executive directors of educational organizations and regional school associations to notify them of this wonderful opportunity. They will be identifying and evaluating top prospects. Our goal is to identify a group of top-level candidates and then narrow that number down to five to seven individuals whom the search committee will interview. From that group will come three finalists. There will be opportunities for school community members to meet the finalists in the fall.

Our calendar calls for identification and engagement of the next president of Notre Dame Academy to be completed by approximately October 2021. There will be an organized transition process culminating with the new president commencing work July 2022.

We will continue to provide updates. Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy.

Sincerely,

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Notre Dame Academy Board Member
Chair of the Presidential Search Committee