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Dear St. Ignatius Loyola Academy Community,

Our search for the Academy's next permanent President is nearing its final stages. For the Presidential Search Committee's members, narrowing our field of candidates to three finalists over the past several weeks was a challenging and exciting process. It was heartening to see such strong interest in leading our school into the future!

Next up for the Academy's community will be individual campus visits for each of our finalists on October 24, 25, and 26. There will be opportunities for faculty, staff, administrators, and board members to meet them during their visits, and each visit will include an open session with any interested parents. The parent sessions will be held at the Academy at 4:30 pm on each candidate visitation day. Similar open sessions for faculty and staff will be held twice each visitation day at 9:45 am and 10:45 am.

At the open sessions, candidates will introduce themselves and then answer questions from the audience. Introductory materials on each candidate will be shared the day before their visit. We know that our community will be welcoming and impressive throughout the visits, and we hope that each of the candidates will leave the Academy wanting to join us more than they did when they arrived.

We have prepared an open-ended survey to share with anyone who meets the candidates. We encourage you to think broadly about your hopes for the school as you fill these out. We also urge you to pay close attention to the survey deadlines, the next evening after each candidate has departed. (We aren't rushing, but it is important to move forward before strong candidates make an equally strong impression at other schools, resulting in competing offers.)

The Search Committee will consider the survey feedback, interviews with the candidates, observations during the visit, reference checks, and candidate materials as they prepare their recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will then make the final decision and proceed with hiring our next permanent President.

While our multi-month search process is now entering the home stretch, it will still take great effort as the finish line approaches. Both the school and the three finalist candidates will be giving it their best next week – thanks in advance for your assistance!

With gratitude for all that you do for the Academy in support of its mission,

Brian Graney
Board Chair and Search Committee Chair