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Dear Santa Clara High School Community,

The Department of Catholic Schools is excited to announce that Ms. Teresa Palmisano has been appointed as Principal of Santa Clara High School effective July 1, 2024. After the careful vetting of several qualified candidates, Ms. Palmisano surfaced as the most qualified and knowledgeable candidate to lead Santa Clara High School. We are confident that Ms. Palmisano's extensive and varied leadership experience and skills will be a great complement to honoring the rich traditions at Santa Clara High School. More importantly they will equip her to create and implement priorities and goals that will be vital to the future of Santa Clara High school.

Ms. Palmisano's educational experience includes serving in senior leadership roles such as Vice-Principal, Athletic Director, Development Director, and Marketing Director. In addition to these leadership positions, Ms. Palmisano has served 18 years as a teacher and coach. Ms. Palmisano earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications from University of California, Berkeley. She later received a Master of Science degree in Physical Education from Azusa Pacific University. She also recently earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Loyola Marymount University. Additionally, she is currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Loyola Marymount University.

In relation to being named principal, Ms. Palmisano shared, "Since 2011, I've been drawn to Santa Clara High School's mission statement and philosophy, which emphasizes the development of the whole person and the pursuit of academic excellence within a nurturing and supporting environment. I am eager to lead as a mission driven servant leader who is culturally responsive while continuing to help shape the minds of future Santa Clara students."

On behalf of Paul Escala, Superintendent of Schools, and the team at the Department of Catholic Schools, we wish to reiterate our thanks to Ms. Palmisano for accepting this opportunity to serve. We also thank Mr. Guzman and all leaders that have come before in their service to the students and families of the Santa Clara community. We remain grateful to the administration and community leaders who will assist us to ensure a smooth transition. Please join us in celebrating and supporting Ms. Palmisano as she takes on this new role.
Go Saints!

Sincerely in Christ,

Anna-Marie Silva
Regional Superintendent
SG Pastoral Region (former SB region)

Michael Ronan
Regional Superintendent
SB Pastoral Region