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To St. Thomas More Community:

I'm happy to announce to our community that, beginning June 1, 2018, our incoming principal will be Mr. Brian Moscona. Brian grew up in Baton Rouge, the son of Deacon Jodi and Darlene Moscona, and attended Most Blessed Sacrament and then Catholic High School. He studied at the University of Notre Dame where he completed an undergraduate degree in Business Administration, and also earned a Master's Degree in Education while teaching in Los Angeles through Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. He taught for four years at a private Catholic school in Atlanta, where he also served as Assistant Principal for two years. Brian moved home to become the principal at Our Lady of Mercy, where he served for nearly five years. Presently, he is the president of Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School.

Brian comes to us with very high recommendations and a sterling resume. I am thrilled with his deep desire to serve our St. Thomas More community. I'd like to quote from Brian's letter of introduction when applying for the principal position: *"As I reflect on where God has called me and what might be in store for my future, I recognize that it is a privilege and a responsibility to be part of the faith formation and academic development of young students. I desire to serve and lead a school where I can contribute to creating an authentic Catholic community that cultivates both a love for Christ and a love for learning."*

Brian is married to Kayla Richard Moscona, a teacher in the Theology Department at St. Joseph's Academy. They have two children, Anthony (4) and Maria (2), with their third child due in September. They are excited to have all three children enrolled at St. Thomas More for next school year.

In announcing Brian's appointment, I want to thank Dr. Judy Armstrong for her thirteen years of dedication and ministry to St. Thomas More. Judy has been a devoted educator and I'm grateful for her continued leadership during our transition. I also want to thank all of you—faculty, staff, and parents—who have supported our school community throughout the years.

Additionally, Dr. Greg Brandao has been named to the position of Director of Mission Integration and Advancement at St. Thomas More. He will begin his service to the church and school communities on August 1, 2018.

Greg has served for more than 30 years in Catholic schools, including work as president, principal, and development director. He has more than 10 years of consulting experiences that include executive coaching, team building, and communication skill development. Greg also was a partner in a private fund-raising business. He will work tirelessly with our school and church community to unite our entire campus, carrying forth our mission as one. I am confident that Greg's gifts will allow our community to flourish.

God has blessed our community with a unique opportunity to visualize a future filled with hope. I'm ecstatic to have Brian and Greg join our team at STM. Our community has a rich history; know that we are all committed to carrying this legacy into the future. May God abundantly bless all of us.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Michael J. Alello, Pastor