

# MARYVALE

Dear Maryvale Community,

After thoughtful reflection and many conversations with my family, I have decided to conclude my tenure as President of Maryvale at the end of the 2026–2027 school year, on June 30, 2027.

This decision did not come easily. When I arrived, the school was at an important moment following many years of steady leadership and coming off a challenging period. I have been proud to work alongside all of you to help guide Maryvale through a time of transition and renewal.

Over the last three years, we have made meaningful progress together: clarifying our strategic direction, strengthening our institutional foundation, investing in our faculty and staff, and deepening our commitment to mission and formation. We completed and will soon share a new strategic plan, reaffirmed our standing through AIMS accreditation, conducted a market assessment to enhance how we communicate our story, and made thoughtful structural changes to support long-term sustainability.

Every school has its own rhythm when it comes to change. As I reflected on where the school is now, and what the next phase of leadership will require, I came to believe that this is the right moment for the Board to plan for the next leader who will guide Maryvale into that next chapter. At the same time, my own family is approaching an important transition as my children prepare to graduate from high school.

I remain fully committed to Maryvale through the remainder of this school year and next year, and I will continue to lead with clarity, care, and purpose each day for our students, our employees, and our families. My focus now is to support a thoughtful transition that keeps our community grounded and our progress moving forward. The next President will step into a school with a strong foundation and a community rich in care, commitment, and unity around our mission and our students.

Maryvale's mission and spirit inspire me every day. Our students bring such talent, joy, and possibility to this campus, and our faculty and staff serve them with tremendous dedication. I feel grateful for the trust you place in me and for the privilege of working alongside colleagues who show up for our students in countless ways. I also value my partnership with the Board of Trustees and with Sherry Pudloski, whose leadership and support have meant a great deal to me and to the school.

Most importantly, I want our students to know this: Maryvale is full of adults who see you, believe in you, and want you to thrive. That remains true today, and it will remain true in the future. I will continue to show up for you with gratitude, stability, and unwavering dedication for as long as I have the honor to serve.

The Board of Trustees will share more information about next steps, including the search process and opportunities for community engagement.

With gratitude and in partnership,



**Malika DeLancey**

President, Maryvale Preparatory School