

February 1, 2019

Dear Cristo Rey De La Salle Community,

As a result of recent weeks of discernment and dialogue with the Board of Trustees, and in consultation with my family, today I write to share my decision to step aside from my role as President, effective immediately.

Based on our current strengths as a school community, and the needs of the organization, I believe that now is the right time to step aside as President. I am delighted and gratified with the quality and staying power of the practices, innovations, and values we have built together to establish our school community, and we are now at an important inflection point to advance the stewardship of this mission. I believe that a change in leadership will support our continued growth as a Cristo Rey De Salle community at this time.

I am enormously grateful for the many gifts that Cristo Rey De La Salle has given to me and our greater East Bay area. I could not be prouder of our diverse and inclusive, Lasallian Catholic educational mission in the heart of Oakland. From our inspiring students to our talented faculty and staff, from our dedicated corporate partners to our generous volunteers and philanthropists—together we make a difference each day in the lives of the young people we serve and throughout our East Bay community. I am confident that our unique blend of a rigorous, personalized learning curriculum and an innovative corporate work study program—complemented by our commitment to accompany students on their journey to lead lives of spiritual wholeness, purpose and agency—will sustain our strong foundation well into the future.

These past 18 months that I served as Founding President are among the most rewarding and joy-filled times of my life. I thank the De La Salle Christian Brothers and our Cristo Rey De La Salle Board of Trustees for my opportunity to lead and serve. To our partners in the Cristo Rey Network and the Diocese of Oakland, I offer my gratitude for your support. To our founding donors and friends, I am deeply appreciative of your participation in our transformative mission. I also acknowledge and greatly appreciate the hard work and gifts of our outstanding team of administrators, faculty and staff. To our students and families, I will continue to wish you all my very best and I look forward to celebrating your future successes.





It is with great optimism that I entrust the leadership of Cristo Rey De La Salle to Interim President Matthew D. Powell. Throughout the nearly two decades Matt and I have worked alongside one another in numerous ways, we have shared a commitment to the underserved and underrepresented, and a belief in inclusion, diversity and educational access for all. For 14 years, Matt was the founding Principal then President of De La Salle North Catholic High School in Portland (the second Cristo Rey model high school in the country). I will continue to be a close partner with Matt throughout this transition; and I look forward to supporting him in any way that I can moving forward, leading up to the Board's appointment of a permanent President by July 1.

Personally, be assured of my continued zeal, vocational commitment and professional work transforming the lives of children, families and educators through education reform and place-based philanthropy.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as the Founding President of Cristo Rey De La Salle. May our entire school community continue to thrive in the months and years ahead!

Gratefully,

Mike Anderer

