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Dear Marian Central Parents:

I write to you today first, to welcome you and your students back to the Marian Central Catholic Community for another exciting year. I am very much looking forward to accomplishing another year of academic and spiritual excellence together here at Marian.

Second, I want to update you on some important changes to the structures of governance and administration here at Marian, most specifically to the school's advisory body.

In March of this year Father Max Striedl in his capacity as chair of the Council of Administration and on behalf of the Council of Administration, submitted amendments to the Bylaws and Constitution of the Council of Administration which the Council proposed for approval by the Bishop of Rockford. The Diocese, in a letter to me and Father Striedl, conveyed their gratitude to have received the proposed amendments, as it has provided the opportunity for the Diocese to assess the current Council structure and its enabling documents, in the light of the Diocese's Strategic Plan, *Faith Forward: a Blueprint for our Catholic Schools*.

Those who provided input into this review of the Council's enabling documents included myself, Mike Kagan, Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Father Brian Grady, Dean of the McHenry Deanery; Monsignor Glenn Nelson, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and other Diocesan employees from various departments.

I am pleased to inform you that this review is now complete, and as a result of their work, Bishop David Malloy has authorized the implementation of new By-laws for the governance and Administration of Marian. Those new By-Laws provide for the creation of a new Board of Consultors of Marian Central Catholic High School, an advisory body which provides new direction for Marian, and which conforms to the goals of the Strategic Plan for our Diocesan Catholic schools. The Board of Consultors model has been in place at Boylan Central Catholic High School for more than 3 years now, with very good success. Minor adjustments have been made to the model in place at Boylan, to adapt to aspects particular to Marian Central's operations and needs. One such adjustment is that the position of School Superintendent remains, rather than making it a School President position as is in place at Boylan.

In a letter to me and the former Council of Administration, Bishop Malloy expressed his gratitude for the work that all of those over the years who have served on that body have contributed to the Catholic identity and the educational excellence of Marian Central Catholic High School. However, with the establishment of the new Board of Consultors, the current body of the Council of Administration is no longer envisioned by the By-laws and so it ceases to exist.

With new By-laws in place, a new advisory body model has been created and, in the near future, the diocese anticipates introducing to the Marian community the inaugural members of the Executive Committee and members the Board of Consultors. I am pleased to report that Bishop Malloy has appointed Father Brian Grady, Dean of the McHenry Deanery and pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Crystal Lake, to be the new Chairman of the Board of Consultors of Marian Central Catholic High School, effective today.

As your interim superintendent of Marian Central Catholic High School, I, along with a very dedicated staff here at Marian, very much look forward to working in this new governance structure to advance the mission and vision of our school into the future.

Thank you for your continued support of all we accomplish here at Marian.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vito C. DeFrisco  
Interim Superintendent