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Dear San Gabriel Mission High School Family,

San Gabriel Mission High School is a place that brings opportunities to all that enter its doors. When I first came as a mathematics and science teacher ten years ago, my passion for education developed exponentially. I relished in the chance of being a female mentor to the young women of Mission as they made their journey to become women of motivation, depth, integrity, character and respect. It is in these halls that as an Academic Counselor and Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction that my love for academic and college counseling grew, enough to study it closely through my own academic pursuits. Moreover, the last three years at SGMHS has given me the ability to grow in my leadership skills. It has been a true honor to serve and lead as the Principal at this great institution.

During my time here at Mission, I have also learned about who I am as an educator. After intentional and deep reflection, I realized that my gifts are best utilized in the classroom. It is with a heavy heart that I announce I will not be returning to Mission after this school year. I have been given the opportunity to teach full-time Mathematics at Chadwick School in the South Bay Region. This departure is bittersweet for me. Whilst I am excited to pursue teaching again, SGMHS has given me so much as an educator, a woman of faith, and a member of the Mission family. Mission is truly one of a kind and will always have special place in my heart. I thank all of you who God has placed in my path and most especially your confident and intelligent daughters who I have been honored to watch grow over the last few years.

I find deep pride in leaving SGMHS in a great place. Ms. Raquel Cagigas, Class of 1996, will take over in my absence as the Interim Principal. Ms. Cagigas has deep roots at San Gabriel Mission High School as not only an alumna of SGMHS but also of SGMES. With her foundation in the Dominican Charism and Catholic education, she will passionately guide the school forward. Ms. Cagigas has served the SGMHS community loyally in several roles for the past 16 years as Religion Department Chair, former Campus Minister, and Assistant Principal of Student Life & Institutional Advancement. Ms. Cagigas holds the following degrees and certification: B.S. in Psychology and Religious Studies, M.A. in Theology, M.A. in Catholic School Administration, and Advanced Catechetical Certification. Over the next several weeks, I will work diligently with Ms. Cagigas, San Gabriel Mission Parish and the Department of Catholic Schools to ensure a smooth transition for her and the entire school community.

As an educator, I have dedicated the last decade of my life to SGMHS and I am so thankful for all the experiences and people I have encountered. Each one of you has impacted my life in so many ways. I will continue to pray for all of you as well as all the young women who enter SGMHS who seek the opportunities that will come their way. I pray they continue to build their foundation of faith as they grow as spiritual, intellectual, creative, and athletic leaders.

Praying for you always,


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