



Mary Miller Announces Resignation; National Search Begins for President

Sister Pam Chiesa Named as Chairperson, Board of Directors

SAN JOSE, Sept 5, 2018 -- Presentation High School announced today that Mary Miller, President and former Principal, has submitted her resignation. The board will immediately begin its search to replace her.

Miller attended Presentation as a student, became a teacher and then served as the Principal at the school for the last 25 years before becoming President.

In her letter of resignation, Miller wrote to the board, "I have come to the realization my resignation is what is best for Pres. This is an amazing school, and the work done here is changing lives for the better every day. But the allegations of past sexual abuse continue to be a distraction for the school and bring negative attention towards Presentation. It is my sincere hope that my absence will bring some peace and allow the staff and new administration to focus on the success and well being of our students--which is our common goal. We cannot change the past, but we can and must dedicate ourselves to the future."

Also today, Presentation High School announced that Sister Pam Chiesa will assume the role of Chairperson of Presentation High School's Board of Directors. Sister Pam replaces Marian Stuckey who previously announced her retirement. Sister Pam has been a Sister of the Presentation for 43 years and taught at the high school for eight years.

"We recognize that Mary has been the focus of criticism in her handling of reporting misconduct cases," said Sister Pam Chiesa, chair. "We also recognize that Mary has been an inspiration to many young women and helped guide them successfully in their lives and careers. Now is the time to refocus on our mission and begin healing our community."



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Miller's resignation is effective September 14.

Since late 2017, when allegations by alumnae came to light about past incidents and school administrators' handling of sexual misconduct cases, the school has implemented a series of actions to increase measures to educate and protect young women, these include:

- Conducting additional mandatory reporting training for all staff in January 2018 and preparing two additional trainings on student safety in the 2018-2019 school year.
- Implementing new policy updates (available on our website) recommended by an ad hoc committee and approved by the Board.
- Creating the Office of Prevention of Student Bullying, Harassment & Abuse, led by a Director who reports to the Board.
- Attending a mediation to listen to ideas on how to make Presentation an even safer school in the future.
- Applying updates to our Student Wellness Program to include student safety.
- Focusing on healthy relationships, dating, and how to spot abuse in our annual Student Development Days.

We are committed to making Presentation the gold-standard when it comes to the safety and success of our students and to healing our community. We will continue to make additional improvements to make Presentation an institution that holds the respect of all our students, parents, faculty, and alumnae.

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