



# ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Friends of St. Francis High School:

At our June 7th Board of Directors meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Allen Lund, as Chairman of the Board. After serving as Chairman for 16 years, Allen felt now was the appropriate time to hand the responsibilities of chairman to another director. Allen will stay on as an active member of the Board.

Allen has been associated with St. Francis for many years. In 1975 when their oldest son came to St. Francis as a freshman, Allen and his wife Kathie began what would be an invaluable friendship with the Capuchins as well as a deep fondness for St. Francis that grew when their two younger sons became Golden Knights. This relationship continued to be nurtured years later as some of their grandsons came to St. Francis. Allen was our founding board chairman, and was actively involved in our Capital Campaign, BUILDING TODAY FOR THE MEN OF TOMORROW .

During his tenure as chair, \$20 million was raised and invested in our school's physical and educational facilities, all to further our mission and benefit our Golden Knights. St. Francis High School is highly respected for its academic standards, athletic programs as well as its Visual and Performing Arts programs. Much of this can be attributed to Allen's dedication, generosity, great vision and his ability to engage a loyal, hands-on board that focused on making the best decisions possible for St. Francis High School. We are truly grateful for Allen's exceptional service and treasure his friendship. We know that he will continue to be an active board member committed to serving our St. Francis family. We also wish to thank Kathie for her support "behind the scenes" and for her genuine love of St. Francis.

The Board unanimously elected Mr. Mark Heydorff '70 as the next Chairman of the Board. Like Allen, Mark is an entrepreneur and his son, an alumnus. St. Francis High School holds a special place in Mark's heart and that of his wife Holly. This along with his business skills makes us confident Mark will lead St. Francis very well.



On a personal note, I am most grateful to Allen for the outstanding support he has given me since I was appointed President of St. Francis. I know Fr. Matt Elshoff, our former President, and Principal Mr. Tom Moran would agree that Allen has always been readily available to discuss issues, share his expertise and support our vision in whatever way was needed. We believe Mark will mirror these qualities and we are looking forward to working with him and continuing to offer the leadership to maintain the high standards we currently hold.

Allen and Mark are two Golden Knights who have chosen to live their lives as devout Catholics and advocates of Catholic education. They are most supportive of the Capuchin Franciscan Order and are an inspiration to all of us. Please continue to remember Allen and Mark and all of our directors in your prayers as they live the words of St. Francis, "Preach the Gospel, use words if necessary."

Sincerely in Jesus and Francis,

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