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Dear Detroit Cristo Rey Community,

In July, we shared information about the process to hire a new President. We shared that a Search Committee had been established, comprised of trusted members of the Detroit Cristo Rey community. And we shared that we engaged a search consultant who brings extensive experience working with Cristo Rey schools.

Over the past several weeks, Lester Consulting Group reached out to 165 Detroit Cristo Rey stakeholders to gain insight into the leadership skills and qualities that are most important to our school community at this time. Faculty/Staff, Board of Trustees, Corporate Work Study Partners, donors, and community leaders were included in this outreach. We learned that Detroit Cristo Rey is looking for a *faith-filled* leader of *uncompromising integrity*. We seek an *experienced, visionary* leader who can embrace and champion DCR's *Catholic education mission*. We seek a highly *relational* leader who can comfortably *navigate between academic and corporate cultures* and who can *inspire the school's leadership team, donors, and corporate work study partners*. We are looking for a *culturally competent* leader who can embrace our school's diversity and the rich culture of Southwest Detroit. We seek a leader with experience in *budget management, strategic planning, fundraising, and business development*.

We are looking for a special leader. And you can help.

Leaders from a wide variety of professional backgrounds are encouraged to consider this exciting opportunity. This one-page [Position Announcement](#) and this more detailed [Candidate Profile](#) provide information on the position and the application process. **All members of the Detroit Cristo Rey community are encouraged to reach out to their personal and professional networks to share this opportunity with qualified candidates.** These resources will be available on the school's website ("About" tab) for the next couple of months. Applications are due October 31.

The Search Committee and the Board of Trustees will screen candidates in November and December, with an expectation that the new president will be available to assume her/his leadership in January. We will keep you apprised of important news associated with the search process over the next few months.

Please keep this process in your prayers as we seek a leader worthy of our sacred mission and the wonderful students entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary A. Messana', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Mary Messana  
Chair, Presidents Search Committee  
Member of the Board of Directors