



MOTHER MCAULEY

Liberal Arts High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want you to be among the first to know that Mercy Education System of the Americas, which has been in planning for more than five years, is about to become a new reality for our 58 Mercy education ministries in Argentina, Belize, Guam, Honduras, Jamaica, the Philippines and the United States.

Launching on July 3, 2017, Mercy Education System of the Americas will be guided by board members invited by the Sisters and educators of the Mercy Education Leadership Committee and appointed by the Institute Leadership Team. Day-to-day operations will not change, and local administration and the local board will remain in place.

Mercy Education System of the Americas will function first and foremost as a system of relationships. While all Mercy educators are united by their dedication to the Mercy charism and the vision of Catherine McAuley, the time is right to formalize a system that encourages and enables educators to share resources and best practices as they help their students prepare for an accelerated culture and a truly global society. This new system will broaden educational opportunities for all our students and most importantly will promote, support and advance our Mercy education ministries in their calling to be grounded in Mercy and Catholic identity into the future.

We are proud to be included in the formation of this empowering new initiative. By linking us with all the other Mercy education ministries, Mercy Education System of the Americas will make it possible for Mother McAuley to more proactively access—and contribute to—the wealth of knowledge, talent and resources that Mercy education has to offer. In strengthening our bond with our fellow ministries, Mercy Education System of the Americas fortifies our future.

At a forum convened on March 9 in Atlanta, leaders from all our Mercy education ministries gathered for the very first time, expressly to set the stage for this collaboration. Even with a full agenda, many forum participants made time to express their enthusiasm for the Mercy Education System of the Americas and the opportunity it represents: the potential to connect across all borders by sharing the Mercy values and addressing the critical concerns uniting us.

Please take a few minutes to hear their witness and share in our anticipation of this exciting new extension of the Mercy mission by viewing the video at the following links:

English: <https://youtu.be/WOTjuqbh08s>

Spanish: https://youtu.be/vH9rl_k4UXA

In Mercy,

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President

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Principal

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Board Chair