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*Teaching students with learning differences how to learn, how to be independent, and how to be successful.*

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Happy New Year, de Paul School Community!

With each new year come fresh and exciting opportunities, along with promises of growth and resolutions for improvement and change.

I have been blessed to be a de Paul School educator since 1982 and have served as our school's head since 1994. The professional and personal joys which I have experienced within The de Paul School Community are indescribable. Dedication to our school's mission brings all de Paul faculty and staff incredible fulfillment, and that has certainly been true for my family and me.

School Year 2020-2021 will be my final year of service to The de Paul School. My passion and loyalty to this school will never waver. Yet this is the perfect season for The de Paul School to begin transitioning toward new leadership. In sharing this decision with our Board and Faculty, I have expressed my heartfelt belief that our exceedingly successful school is poised for even greater achievements and services to families. New leadership will bring innovative vision, strategy, and energy which will advance all things de Paul into our next 50 years.

Our Board of Trustees is vigilantly and expertly overseeing a search for our school's next head. Their oversight and governance of The de Paul School have always been strong and wise throughout my tenure, and I am supremely confident in their process and discernment.

Please know that I remain resolute and exuberant as we continue this current Golden Anniversary Year. I pledge to lead de Paul in realizing its greatest year ever throughout School Year 2020-2021. We have such magnificent and meaningful work to continue to address together in the coming months, so let's stay focused and student-centered!

Grateful,

Tony Kemper  
Head, The de Paul School