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Dear Catholic Central School Community,

It is our privilege to announce that Richard Harrigan, III has been appointed co-principal of Catholic Central School, effective immediately. Mr. Harrigan has been serving as Interim Upper School Administrator at CCS since July 2022. Going forward, CCS will shift to a co-principal model, and Mr. Harrigan will serve alongside Lily Spera, who has been principal of the Lower School at CCS since July 2022.

Prior to being named Interim Upper School Administrator last year, Mr. Harrigan served as a social studies teacher at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School in Schenectady for 15 years, and as NDBG Middle School Coordinator for three years. He also currently serves as Social Studies Department Chair for the Diocese of Albany Catholic Schools. Mr. Harrigan holds a Bachelor of Science in Adolescence Education, Social Studies 7-12 from SUNY Oneonta, and a Master of Arts in History from SUNY Albany.

Mrs. Spera, who served as principal of St. Ambrose School prior to the opening of Catholic Central School, will continue in her leadership role at CCS. A 2023 graduate of the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute, Mrs. Spera has been serving Catholic schools in the Diocese of Albany since 2018, when she joined the staff of St. Ambrose as a math teacher. Prior to that she served in public school districts in Newburgh, Pinebush, Kingston, and Poughkeepsie, as well as St. Martin de Porres Catholic School in Poughkeepsie. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Childhood Education 1-6 and Mathematics from SUNY New Paltz.

We look forward to Mr. Harrigan's and Mrs. Spera's continued leadership, and we are excited about the future for the students, families, faculty, and staff at Catholic Central School.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education. May these final weeks of the school year be a time of joy and peace for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Very Rev. Bob Longobucco
Vicar for Faith Formation
and Education

Dr. Giovanni Virgiglio, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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