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Dear Ave Maria Academy School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are excited about the new school year. It is with great joy and a humble heart that I introduce myself to you as the new Co-Principal of Ave Maria Academy, serving alongside Lynne Lynch. My name is Don Militzer, and it's an honor to step into this role ready to serve our students and families with a commitment to excellence, faith, and community that defines AMA. I have 20 years of experience in Catholic education, most recently as the Principal at Mother of Mercy Academy. Early on in my career, I was both a teacher and assistant principal at St. Thomas More, so it is wonderful to be back.

Mrs. Lynch and I have dedicated ourselves to the mission of Catholic education, and we both have a passion for not just academic excellence but for nurturing the whole child in faith, hope, and love. This mission is close to our hearts and will be our focus for Ave Maria Academy. As we look towards the new school year, I am excited about the opportunities that await your family. The focus will remain on fostering a strong sense of community, serving our families, and strengthening our faith together. Ave Maria is more than a school; it's a family and a loving community that makes it AMA-zing! I look forward to being a part of it.

Mrs. Lynch's home base will be at the Mt. Lebanon campus, and I will be based out of the Bethel Park campus. However, we will be a presence at both locations. It's important to us to be accessible, engaged, and a part of our school's daily life. Together, let's make AMA a place where everyone can thrive, feel loved, and see the beauty of our faith in action.

To the dedicated AMA staff, know that we are here to support you, listen, and work alongside you to foster this loving and faith-filled community. I look forward to getting to know you, Father Mike Ackerman, Father Brian Welding, and the rest of the clergy team.

Here's to a blessed and successful year ahead!

With gratitude and excitement,

Don Militzer

Co-Principal, Ave Maria Academy