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Dear Seattle Prep Community,

It is with great joy I share that, effective today, Mr. Dale Cote will serve as the next Principal of Seattle Preparatory School. As President, I make this appointment following the guidance and counsel of the Principal Search Committee who led a community process that involved many voices over the last several months. Mr. Cote emerged from that process with the strong support of faculty, staff, students, and parents. I am grateful to all who contributed to this search.

Mr. Cote has been serving Seattle Prep since July 2025 as the Interim Principal. His decision to apply for the permanent role came after careful discernment and prayer. During the interview process, Mr. Cote shared with several groups that becoming Principal at Seattle Prep wasn't something he was seeking, but after experiencing our community first-hand, it became clear that he has a contribution to make and feels called to be of service to Prep.

Mr. Cote has a 38-year dedicated career in education. He most recently served as the Associate Superintendent of School Support Services in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD), the second-largest school district in the state. Mr. Cote oversaw the principal supervisors for 56 schools, along with the Director of Athletics and Activities and the Director of Research, Data, and Accountability. Prior to that role, Mr. Cote served as a Director in the LWSD for eight years, supervising multiple school administrators. Mr. Cote has also served as a high school principal, middle and high school associate principal, teacher, coach, and advisor in multiple school districts around the Puget Sound region.

In addition to his deep experience in education, Mr. Cote, a Catholic having grown up in the Archdiocese of Seattle, has been personally and spiritually moved by our Jesuit values, mission, and Ignatian spirituality. I have been impressed with his intentionality of both understanding our mission and placing the needs of students at the center of his decision-making processes. In his short time at Prep, he has presented himself as a leader who models Ignatian values through his on-going presence and his attentiveness to the needs of students, teachers, parents, and staff.

Upon learning of his appointment Mr. Cote shared:

"I am deeply grateful and profoundly humbled to be named Principal of Seattle Prep. This community lives the Jesuit mission with authenticity and heart, and I am excited to continue elevating these values that make Prep so special. As I step into this role, I do so with gratitude and a commitment to *cura personalis*—caring for the whole person and ensuring that every student, faculty member, and family is truly known and valued. I look forward to partnering with all of you to help our young people grow academically, spiritually, and as compassionate leaders for a more just world. Together, we will nurture a culture where academic excellence and spiritual formation go hand in hand, where reflection and discernment guide our actions, and where every member of our community is encouraged to grow."

Please join me, along with our faculty and staff, in welcoming our new Principal, Mr. Dale Cote, to Seattle Prep and the Jesuits West Province.

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Robert T. Jordan  
President



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