

# New president announced at Mercy High School

Mercy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young women in Farmington Hills, announced that the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Education Sponsorship Council appointed Dr. Cheryl Delaney Kreger, Ed.D. Superintendent of Okemos Public Schools, to be the second president of Mercy High School.

The search process began in fall 2009 after current Mercy High President Sr. Regina Marie Doelker, RSM announced this would be her last school year as president.

"Next year I plan to collaborate with our fine math department by working with Mercy students to assist them in being successful. It is my joy to have served as a Mercy teacher and administrator for 34 years," said Sr. Regina.

The Search Committee sought a seasoned, spiritual, highly capable leader, a person with experience in school finance, a person with the ability to promote strong institutional advancement and embrace the mission of Mercy High School. The search process that led to Kreger was extensive and comprehensive including all Sisters of Mercy communities, the Network for Mercy Education and other religious orders.

Sr. Regina announced the appointment to staff, students, parents, and alumnae on Monday, May 24.

"Mercy High School is delighted to have selected a new president who comes to us with a depth of experience and Cheryl is already a part of our Mercy family. She is a graduate of the Class of 1966 and will take office on July 1, 2010," she said.

Kreger earned both a bachelor of science and a master of arts degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University before acquiring a doctorate in adminis-



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trative and organizational studies from Wayne State University with a concentration in curriculum and instruction.

Prior to becoming superintendent of Okemos Schools

in 2007, she served four years as an associate superintendent in the Dearborn Public School District; six years as director of special services, nine years as a building administrator; and 18 years as a teacher.

Kreger has presented on educational issues at the local, state, and national levels. She is a longstanding member of the National Staff Development Council, the Association for Administration and Curriculum Development, and more recently the Michigan Association of School Administrators. She is a member of the Ingham Intermediate Superintendents' Round Table and serves on the ISD Gifted Education committee. She also serves on the board of the Okemos Education Foundation.

Throughout her career in education, Kreger has been influenced by the values instilled in her as a student at Mercy High School, "I am thankful for the opportunities given to me through my Mercy education and I want to ensure that others have these opportunities as well. I am committed to furthering the important work of Catherine McAuley (Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy) in the contemporary world," says Kreger. "The nurturing of compassionate leaders and education of young women who make a difference is critical in these times. No school does this work better."