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DAVE CSANK APPOINTED NEW VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH PRINCIPAL

CLEVELAND (May 18, 2010) - Secretary of Education for the Diocese of Cleveland, Margaret Lyons, announced today the appointment of Dave Csank as the new Principal for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Making the announcement to the school's faculty and staff at the end of the school day, Lyons said, "Recognizing the exciting innovation underway at VASJ, Dave Csank will be just the sort of collaborative leader VASJ needs to lead forward the tremendous work begun this year."

Villa Angela-St. Joseph President, Brian R. Menard, credited Lyons and Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools, Wayne Uehlein, with prioritizing input from the VASJ community in the process that selected Csank. "Given how important this decision is for our school, it was critical to include key stakeholders along the way. In addition to the official search committee appointed by the Diocese, Dave met with students, faculty and staff, parents and alumni. The process worked as intended, and Dave will be a great partner as we pursue our vision to build a 21st Century model of Catholic education."

Csank, who will leave his post as Principal of St. Mary's Elementary School in Akron, will replace current VASJ Principal Janice Roccasalva, who is retiring after 33 years in Catholic education serving the Diocese of Cleveland. Though not able to attend the announcement today, Csank will come to Cleveland to be introduced to the faculty and staff on Wednesday, May 19, at a brief after school meeting. While Csank is closing out the school year at St. Mary's, he will again be on campus on Monday, May 24, to attend a meeting of VASJ's 21st Century Task Force in the afternoon and to introduce himself to parents at an informal "Meet the New Principal" event at 5:00 pm.

"I am excited about getting started at VASJ and working with faculty and staff, guided by the Ursuline and Marianist traditions that have made this school great," said Csank. Summing up his leadership style, Csank said he expects to tell his new faculty and staff when he meets them on Wednesday, "We're a team. We're here to help each other."

Csank will assume his position as VASJ's Principal on July 1.

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