



# SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL

*A Catholic Marianist School for Young Men, Since 1846*

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Aloha Parents, Students, and Alumni,

Saint Louis School is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Patricia Hamamoto as Principal of our school. She will start her responsibilities on Monday, February 22.

“It is a unique opportunity to have someone of Pat’s caliber, credentials and experience available at a time when Saint Louis School is looking for a qualified candidate to be our principal,” said Walter Kirimitsu, School President. “Pat has a thorough understanding of the process that creates college-ready graduates and 21<sup>st</sup> century citizens with strong values and character. She understands what is needed to help us continue to enhance the academic rigor of our programs.”

Ms. Hamamoto has a Master’s degree in educational administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Bachelor’s degree in education from California State University, Long Beach. A native of Hawaii, Ms. Hamamoto attended Sacred Hearts Convent in Nuuanu and graduated from Maryknoll School.

Ms. Hamamoto is a distinguished educator and administrator with more than 40 years of experience in education. She has served as the Superintendent of the Hawaii State Department of Education, overseeing 259 schools with more than 172,000 students. Earlier in her career, she was a teacher at Highlands Intermediate School, Ilima Intermediate School and Pearl City High School. She also served as intermediate school Vice Principal of Nanakuli High and Intermediate School, Principal of Likelike Elementary School, and Principal of McKinley High School before becoming the DOE Superintendent in 2001.

As the Superintendent, she was active with the University of Hawaii College of Education Advisory Council, American Association of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and numerous other educational organizations.

*Saint Louis School continues its commitment to its students in achieving academic excellence through diverse opportunities, and in developing leaders who are encouraged to explore strengths and weaknesses, while becoming gentlemen of character who are ever mindful and faithful in all their endeavors - **Memor et Fidelis.***

Sincerely,

Walter S. Kirimitsu, '58  
President