



Interim CEO Appointed to Permanent Position with Orchard Lake Schools

ORCHARD LAKE, Mich. (9-27-17) — Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Todd Covert as the permanent Chief Executive Officer. The St. Mary's Preparatory graduate (P'92) has been serving as the interim CEO since March 2017. "Todd has done an exemplary job and exceeded all expectations while providing interim leadership for us," said Stephen Gross, Chairman, Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents. "We are grateful and blessed that he is willing to remain as our permanent CEO, and are looking forward to his leadership as we continue to drive to make the Orchard Lake Schools the best it can be."

Prior to these positions, the former member of the OLS Board of Regents served as Group Executive of Sun Life Financial, and moved to Mutual of Omaha, where he held positions as Regional Manager and National Director of Strategy. Since 2012, he has been the founder and owner of several successful and growing businesses.

Covert has forged strong bonds with the Orchard Lake Schools for most of his life. As a young boy, he was inspired by his grandmother's dedication to her job working for Fr. Ziemba at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. Early childhood traditions included attending the Polish Country Fair and watching his cousins play Eaglet football. The OLSM All-State (golf) and All-State Dream Team (baseball) athlete, whose true passion was basketball, went on to become the St. Mary's Preparatory basketball head coach in September, 2015, filling the shoes of one of his biggest role models, Athletic Director and legendary Coach George Porritt. At the time he stepped in, Covert added, "It is an honor to now lead one of the most storied basketball programs in high school athletics and continue our tradition, but more importantly, the opportunity to guide and prepare our student athletes for their journey through life."

The new CEO's mantra, *Continuous improvement through a daily process*, is a cornerstone of his leadership as he seamlessly transitions from his interim to permanent role overseeing all business and financial operations of the Orchard Lake Schools.