



**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

**February 7, 2018**

### **Archbishop Hanna High School Principal Dennis Crandall to Transition to New Role**

**SONOMA, CA — February 7, 2018** — Hanna Boys Center announced today that effective August 15, 2018, Dennis Crandall, principal of its Archbishop Hanna High School, has decided to transition to a new role in the organization's Development Department.

Crandall, who has served as principal of the school since 2004 and has led the high school through its initial and subsequent accreditation processes, expressed optimism, as well as a bittersweet feeling about his decision. "I have poured my heart and soul into our school these past fourteen years, and it will always be near and dear to me," he said. "But I feel now is the right time for me to step aside and let others lead the school. I am excited about returning to fundraising and believe that is the platform from which I can have the greatest impact on Hanna Boys Center. I am looking forward to helping the Center prepare for a major capital campaign that will completely revamp the entire school and dining facilities."

"Dennis' leadership at the school has been nothing short of extraordinary, and we owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for what he's done," said Brian Farragher, Hanna Boys Center CEO. "At the same time, I'm enthusiastic about his new role in our fundraising group. He brings a wealth of experience, and I think is uniquely positioned to engage with our donors, many with whom he already has strong relationships."

Crandall will be remembered for, among other things, leading a successful recent WCEA/WASC accreditation effort that resulted in the highest possible accreditation approval; but most importantly, he will be remembered for his unbridled enthusiasm for Catholic education, his devotion to his faculty and his love for the boys at Hanna Boys Center.

Prior to coming to Hanna Boys Center, Crandall spent more than 30 years at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa, serving as a teacher, Development Director, coach, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal and Principal.

Tullus Miller, Hanna's Board chair, had this to say about Crandall's transition, "I have to admit I'm a little sad, but I fully support Dennis' decision. I know that everyone—including me—will sorely miss having him at the helm of our school. His leadership these many years has been authentic, charismatic, and rock-solid. I more than welcome his continuing support as a key organizer for our great organization."

A search for a new school principal is expected to be launched later in February.

### **About Hanna Boys Center**

Since 1945, Hanna Boys Center has changed the lives of thousands of at-risk, motivated youth through faith, education and caring, helping them grow into productive members of society. Hanna exists to help at-risk teens overcome the effects of childhood adversity—to become responsible, productive adults and realize their highest potential. We do this by providing a nurturing and therapeutic residential environment, a tailored educational model, and trained, caring adults who help kids create positive, permanent change in their lives. [www.hannacenter.org](http://www.hannacenter.org)

###

Contact: Christy Kenyon

Director of Marketing & Communications, Hanna Boys Center

707-933-2504; [ckenyon@hannacenter.org](mailto:ckenyon@hannacenter.org)

