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Dear Bosco Tech School Community,

Since its founding in 1955, Don Bosco Tech has endeavored to become a leading college-prep educational institution with a unique emphasis on academic study and technology awareness. For several decades, Bosco Tech has strived to offer an academic curriculum and study of key technologies that is both rigorous and relevant. As Bosco Tech educators, we have a mandate to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our young men. As the world around us continues to change, it is imperative that our methods evolve in order to ensure the teaching environment we provide is aligned with the needs of our students.

Over the course of the last few years, School Administration and the Board of Trustees, along with a team of many dedicated members of the Bosco Tech family, have been looking at how technology has changed, both in Southern California and around the world. In addition to the technology component, they have been reviewing the admission qualifications required by colleges and universities. As a result of their study and research we have learned that changes will be needed in order to ensure that our academic offerings continue to be enriching and challenging and that our technology courses continue to be relevant and in alignment with current (and future) societal needs and expectations.

As we look toward the future, we will continue to build on the foundation of Bosco Tech's strengths and traditions:

- **Technological Uniqueness** – We will strive to maintain those qualities that have made Bosco Tech truly unique.
- **Student Focus** – We will continue to offer programs that are in the best interests of our students.
- **Competencies** – We will endeavor to ensure the development of those key competencies and experiences in theoretical and practical application into whatever educational model we follow.

In order to provide students with the best educational high school experience, it is important that we adjust the “depth vs. breath” dimensions of our programs in order to maintain a viable and appropriate program. We will also need to develop an educational model that better aligns all aspects of our college-prep and technology offerings in order to provide a relevant and challenging education. This will require the realignment of technology programs into clusters or “academies” that will offer students a choice from four to five groupings of technological core programs. These programs will no longer function as stand-alone majors, rather as academies of study reflecting key aspects to the industries they

represent. Academies will also include extensive integration of academic and technological courses.

The key features of the academies include: the creation of a close family-like atmosphere, integration of academic and technical education; and the establishment of viable business partnerships. Technical education will be closely coordinated with related academic classes, with academic and technology teachers working as teams to plan and implement courses of study.

With our vision of the future being said, it is critical that we share with you the most recent events. As many of you are aware, the decision has been made to phase out two of our current technologies, i.e., Power & Transportation and Manufacturing over the next two years. This very difficult decision was made based upon current enrollment statistics and the financial impact the undersubscribed technologies are having on the overall fiscal management of the Tech. Our priority at this time is to address the immediate needs of the students directly affected by this decision.

Throughout the next few months regular updates will be provided regarding the transitional process, via the school website, Parent Newsletter and The Tech Connection. As the specifics of the various academies are clearly defined, you will be given opportunity to hear about them in a forum setting. We will also be reaching out to you, requesting your input, your support and involvement. Don Bosco Tech is a great school – our goal is to be the best of the best!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon J. Morano".

Sharon J. Morano
President