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## Regina Catholic Education Center Introduces Head of School

Iowa City, IA-- Following an extensive national search, the Regina Catholic Board of Education is delighted to announce that Joy M. Kelly has been selected as the Head of School. While this position is new, Kelly is quite familiar with Regina, having served as Regina Jr/Sr High School principal from 1995-1999.

*“Regina was my first administrative experience and one that helped me grow as a professional and grow in my faith,”* said Kelly.

A lifelong Catholic, Kelly has been the principal at Bettendorf High School since 2016 following 13 years as associate principal. Prior to her time at Regina, Kelly taught at Linn-Mar High School in Marion, Iowa and was Director of Evangelization for the Iowa City Catholic Community.



*“We were fortunate to interview a number of qualified candidates, but Joy’s experience, ideas and familiarity with Regina made her the ideal choice. I am grateful for the dedication of the Search Committee members on this important decision. We are very excited with the outcome,”* said Patrick Gavin, Chair of the Search Committee.

Kelly received her B.A. in American History and Teacher Education Certificate from the University of Iowa, her M.A. in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Iowa and her Education Specialist Degree from the University of Iowa.

*“The creation of the Head of School is a direct result of an in-depth growth and vitality study that was completed at Regina during the previous school year. We are excited to have Ms. Kelly return to Regina and to utilize her many years of experience in education and leadership to guide our school to the next level of excellence,”* said Melinda Shetler, Board of Education Chair.

Regina Catholic Education Center is a Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school in Iowa City ranked in the top 10 of the 253 private schools in the state of Iowa. Regina is supported by four area parishes – St. Thomas More, St. Patrick, St. Mary and St. Wenceslaus.