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### **POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY APPOINTS TWO NEW PRINCIPALS FOR DORCHESTER CENTRAL AND MATTAPAN CAMPUSES**

DORCHESTER—The Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy is proud to announce the appointment of two experienced principals, Mrs. Lou Ann Melino and Mr. Robert Penta to lead two of the Academy's campuses. Mrs. Melino will serve as principal of the Mattapan Campus and Mr. Penta will be principal of the Dorchester Central Campus.

Mrs. Melino, a principal in Catholic Schools for seven years, has been named the new principal at the Mattapan Square Campus. She served as principal at both St. Benedict Little Flower School in Somerville and St. Joseph School in Salem. Prior to that, she was a classroom teacher in second grade and grades 6 – 8. She received her B.S. from Salem State College, and her Master of Education in School Administration from Emmanuel College.

Mr. Penta was a principal in Arlington Public Schools for fifteen years and Gloucester Public Schools for eight years. Penta, who has experience as both a teacher and an administrator, graduated from Northeastern University with a B.S. in elementary education. He later went on to receive his Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College and his C.A.E.S in Educational Administration from Boston College.

“The Academy is thrilled that Mr. Penta and Mrs. Melino will be joining our community this year,” said Mary Russo, Regional Director of Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy. “The talents of these two professionals will certainly add to the Academy's continued excellence. We welcome our two newest administrators and looks forward to a successful school year with an outstanding leadership team in place at all five campuses!”

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