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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALLIANCE

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Dear Members of the St. John Paul II School Community,

I am writing to share an update on the leadership transition and process to identify the next leader. As you know, Chris Keavy will be stepping down as Head of School at the end of June. We recognize his many contributions to the St. John Paul II School community over his 16-year tenure, and we wish him well in his future endeavors. Given that this announcement of a change in leadership comes at this juncture in the year, we have started a process to identify an Interim President for the 2022-2023 school year.

After meeting with members of the St. John Paul II School advisory board, I asked board members Betsy O'Brien and Steve Hamel, as well as advancement and admissions director Jenn Canzano, to serve on the interim search committee which I am chairing. Each of them has graciously agreed to do so. The committee met after Easter for an organizational meeting, discussion of recruitment efforts to date, and strategy going forward. Candidates who advance beyond the first round will be invited to meet with stakeholders in the school community as the next step in the process.

Conversations with prospective candidates are underway, and we have engaged Carney Sandoe & Associates who is helping us source and vet candidates for the committee's consideration.

We believe that it is important that we seek community input on the qualities and qualifications of our Interim Head of School to help further inform the search process. We invite you to participate in this anonymous survey, which Carney Sandoe & Associates provides. The link for the Interim President Community Questionnaire is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJPSurvey>. The survey will be open until Friday, May 27.

I offer my gratitude to the search committee for its commitment to this process and its dedication to St. John Paul II School. The search for an interim leader remains a top priority. We look forward to continuing our search with great hope.

Sincerely,

Daniel Roy
Superintendent of Schools