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Dear Sts. Simon and Jude School Community,

May Easter blessings be with all of you! I pray that you and your family are safe and healthy during this very challenging time.

During these past few months we have been working closely with Mrs. Denise Grant to support her as Interim Principal. We are grateful to Mrs. Grant for her dedicated leadership especially during this unprecedented time.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had planned to begin the process to search for and select the new permanent principal for Sts. Simon and Jude School. Unfortunately, due to this extraordinary time, we were unable to conduct a comprehensive process which includes interviews with candidates by school leadership, parents, faculty and the Department of Catholic Schools. Additionally, having a leadership change during unstable times is not ideal for many reasons. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Grant will remain as Interim Principal for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are confident in Mrs. Grant's leadership and will continue to support her throughout the year.

In early 2021, we will initiate a search for a new principal and will ask for input from various shareholders, including the pastor and parish leadership, SSJ parents, and staff. You will also be surveyed for input on qualities you would like to see in the next principal.

We hope you will join us in continuing to support Mrs. Grant during the remainder of the school year. We are extremely grateful for your partnership.

May God bless you and your families today and always.

In mission,

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