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EARLY LEARNING &
COMMUNITY CARE CENTER, INC.

Dear Parents and ELC Supporters,

We write you today on behalf of the board of All Saints Early Learning Center with news that will bring a mix of emotions. On Friday, Marian Wilcher, our beloved Executive Director, announced to her staff that she would be retiring in the near future.

And we say this brings a mix of emotions because, on one hand, it is sad news. Marian has led us with distinction for more than two decades. She has been a loving presence in the lives of generations of students who have made their way through our early learning center. She has navigated us with wisdom through changes in our neighborhood and our world. She led us through a global pandemic. The Early Learning Center is the remarkable place it is because of her courageous, consistent, and loving leadership. It is sad when someone who is such an institution decides it is time to step away from that leadership.

But, for much the same reason, this news makes us joyful. Marian's hard work over these many years means that she has more than earned a time to enjoy her family. The incredible foundation she has laid at the Early Learning Center means that we are poised for great things as we move forward. So, this is not just a time for sadness but also for celebration.

For now, we would ask you to find ways to offer your thanks for Marian and all that she has done for the life of All Saints. Her retirement date has not been completely settled yet, so you will have time to share with her all that she has meant to you and your family. She has agreed to remain and train her successor.

We also want to assure you that the Board is well into a search for our next Executive Director. We have no details to share with you at this point but know that our Early Learning Center will maintain the high standards of education and care that you have come to trust. As our search moves forward, the Board will be sure to keep you informed of our next steps.

It is a sad time, but it is a joyful time. We will miss Marian's loving presence among us. But we are thankful that she will enjoy this time, and we wish her a wonderful retirement. We are excited for all that the future holds and thankful for your continued trust in All Saints Early Learning Center.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Quinn Parman, Rector
All Saints Episcopal Church
On behalf of the Board of All Saints Early Learning Center
Michael L. Edwards, Board President