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Dear Parents/Guardians of the:

Notre Name High School and St. John Catholic School Communities

For several years now we have shared classroom facilities for the purpose of accommodating students. We are blessed that parents, staff and students from both schools have done this in a collaborative manner and that students continually demonstrate their academic success and achievements.

It has become apparent that a short-term solution to the accommodation needs for both schools needs to be reviewed with the goal of implementing this short-term solution in September 2009. Regardless of the resolution, Notre Dame will remain committed to accepting students into the Grade 9 program. Applicants and their families will be welcomed as we have in previous years at both the St. John and Notre Dame school communities. We acknowledge that a long-term plan needs to continue to be addressed as well.

We assure everyone that no decisions have been made and none will be made until consultation with both school communities take place. Our plan at this time is to have an initial meeting with the CSAC Executive from Notre Dame and St. John by mid-November. This meeting is strictly for the purpose of preparing for a community consultation meeting and to set the agenda items to ensure that all areas are covered as well as allowing ample opportunity for parents to provide input.

We realize that discussions around accommodations can become extremely sensitive. We know that you have your child's best interest in mind and assure you that we do as well. By moving forward in a collaborative manner, we will be able to arrive at mutual agreements that will be in the best interest of all young people and staff in our schools.

We hope to have a notice out to everyone within the next few weeks to confirm a community consultation meeting. I trust this clarifies varied information that has been circulating within the community. Should you have any questions, you are always welcome to call me. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Kennedy".

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