



All Saints Regional Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

For more than a century, our Catholic school, formally St. Patrick's School and since 1990, All Saints Regional has played a vital role in the formation of Catholics in our parish. All Saints Regional has a long history of achievement, and while our school excels in many areas, we must also be honest about the challenges we face.

I am writing you today to share some difficult news.

All Saints Regional School continues to experience a decline in student enrollment. From September 2013 to September 2018, we have seen enrollment drop 27 percent to 132 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade and 35 percent to 143 students in Nursery through Eighth Grade. As enrollment has declined, the income from tuition and fundraising has also decreased, and the amount of parish and diocesan operating support has increased. From 2013-14 through the 2017-18 school year, the five regional parishes (St. Boniface Martyr, Sea Cliff; St. Hyacinth, Glen Head; St. Mary, Roslyn; St. Patrick, Glen Cove; and St. Rocco, Glen Cove) have provided a total of \$1.88 million in operating support and the Diocese of Rockville Centre has provided an additional \$1.46 million in core contribution. In the current school year, the five supporting parishes are anticipated to provide approximately \$370,000 in operating support and the diocese is expected to provide approximately \$450,000 in core contribution. This level of financial dependence on the parishes and diocese is not sustainable.

Unfortunately, the decline in enrollment reflects and is related to significant population changes in the community. Therefore, we have had to make a tough choice. In concurring and accepting the recommendation from our Parish Finance Committees and Pastors of the parishes that support our school and the Education Corporation of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I as Chairman of the Executive School Board, must announce the closing of All Saints Regional School at the end of the current school year.

We did not make this decision lightly. We and diocesan leadership studied the situation. We analyzed the demographic and enrollment data. We consulted with our financial advisors. And, we prayed long and hard over it all. At the end of the day we have had to make a decision that was necessary.

Please know your child or children will be warmly welcomed into any Catholic school in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. School officials and the Department of Education will assist you in the process of selecting and transferring to any of the excellent Catholic Schools on Long Island.



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I am sure you will have additional questions. To help put you in touch with those who will be able to answer them; the Department of Education is staffing a telephone information line (516.280.4124). It has also set up a special website (www.drvcschools.com) where you can go for more information.

Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and all you have done for our Church and our school. I also want to thank the Diocese, and in particular the Board of the Education Corporation, for their considerable guidance and support over the past few years in our efforts to make the school work.

In Christ,

The Very Reverend Dom Daniel Stephen Nash,
Can. Reg.