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Archangel Gabriel School parents, faculty, and families.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to all of you. As you may know, this will be my eighteenth year within the Diocese of Pittsburgh School system. In that time, I have been privileged to work with many great people who all share a similar goal, to help our young people learn and grow educationally and spiritually. Catholic education is about growing in Christ's image.

As I transition into the leadership role of AGS, please allow me this chance to pass along a few things about myself. First, it is important to know that I am always about the students. The children who enter our building are the reason we are here. Any time a decision is made, it is always set against this sentiment. What will make the kids safer and allow them to learn and grow.

Another important area to understand is that I will always listen to all points of view in any situation. It is important to understand the context when making decisions, particularly in any changing environment such as we find ourselves in now. I will never make a change just for change. Change decisions must be made with data, context, and an understanding of why something is the way it is. I may not always follow every path suggested to me, however all viewpoints will be heard and considered when making decisions.

Moving forward, my goals for Archangel Gabriel School are simple. They are the continued success of the school, to grow our school, and to bring everyone together to make our learning environment the best in the Diocese. My growth plans center on bringing together every student who walks through the door, including students in the PreK and Preschool programs, and current and new parents, so that they all know what we as Catholics are all about. We need to show how our environment allows ALL students to grow into who Christ intended them to be. Bringing everyone together is a must in accomplishing this. Each member of our community, no matter how big or small the role, has talents given to them by our Lord. We need them, I need them.

My desire is to be one family all pulling together. In the Gospel of Mark 3:25, Jesus says, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Please take these words to heart as much as I do and pray together for us to be as one.

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In closing, I want to share the verse that appears on my electronic signature. It is from the book of John, 14:27 and is from my favorite part of Mass. It goes something like this. "Jesus said to your Apostles, my peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with Your will." I have always found comfort in these words.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting every one of you.

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