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To our Pope John Paul II Catholic School Family,

Today, I am saddened to inform you of an important announcement at Pope John Paul II Catholic School. Following four years of exemplary leadership to PJPII School, Deborah Coffey has decided to transition out of her role as Principal at the end of this 2017-18 school year. However unfortunate this news is for us, the Coffey family is excited to welcome a new addition in early June. Please join me in prayer for their growing family!

Throughout the upcoming months, I will work hand-in-hand with the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools and a local Principal Search Committee to find Mrs. Coffey's replacement. I am confident, given our vibrant school community, we will be sought after as a strong school of choice for potential candidates. We will have the highest of standards in the search for a new leader to continue grow our students as ready and responsible leaders for our world.

Mrs. Coffey has helped transform our school since her first school year through creative actions, steadfast dedication to our students, mentorship of school faculty, and commitment to academic excellence. She proactively sought out programs to benefit our students through improved instruction and ensuring each year's curriculum builds upon the last. She has created or extended partnerships with the University of Notre Dame, Loyola University Chicago, the University of Illinois at Chicago, United Stand, and Erikson Institute. She promoted stronger connection with parents by improving communication via teacher newsletters/webpages and introducing Spanish language instruction. Her commitment to excellence at PJPII will be a lasting contribution.

I will be sure to keep you updated on our progress to find our next school leader. In the meantime, Mrs. Coffey has my full support as she continues our vision for PJPII School. We will work together on a plan for a seamless transition for our school, faculty, and families.

I know you join me in expressing our congratulations on Mrs. Coffey's family news and our appreciation for the many contributions she has made to our school and for our children. Pope John Paul II School will forever be blessed because of Mrs. Coffey's leadership. Debbie, we will miss you!

God's Peace,


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