

## Saint Saviour Catholic Academy

April 15, 2024

Dear SSCA Families, Friends, Faculty and Staff,

We are pleased to share that, later this month, three candidates will visit Saint Saviour Catholic Academy as part of the last stage of our leadership search process. The dates are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. As shared previously, these visits will afford different constituencies in our school community a chance to meet the candidates as well as an important opportunity for each finalist to get to know SSCA on a deeper level. We hope to follow the same schedule as before. That schedule will be shared next week.

Due to the highly competitive nature of these processes and to maintain a level of confidentiality and professionalism, we will not be disclosing the names of the three finalists ahead of their visits. Throughout the visits, each finalist will briefly share his or her background, and there will be paper copies of each finalist's curriculum vitae available. We thank you in advance for respecting the integrity of this intense process.

At the end of each visit day, those who met with the finalists will receive an email with a link to a survey from our search firm, Partners in Mission. The survey is anonymous, and all responses will be shared in the aggregate with the search committee. The search committee will make its hiring recommendation to the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees will make its hiring recommendation to the Board of Members.

We understand how unsettling this process has been for our community. The uncertainty surrounding your child's day-to-day and saying goodbye to a leader we love is difficult. Explaining this transition to you all has been difficult because it is new to our community and to the Diocese, as it relates to elementary schools. I want to reiterate to our community, that regardless of whom we choose and the title he or she is given, we intend to have two strong administrators at our helm: the first to address our admissions and outward facing challenges, and the second to lead our faculty and students academically in the qualitative program to which you all have become accustomed. Change is never easy, and we appreciate your faith in us, the Search Committee, and the Board as we move along in this journey. Indeed, every person that has engaged in this process has done so with the utmost professionalism and integrity and has given so much of his or her time to do it.

As we approach the finalists' visits later this month, your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

With God's blessings,

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