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Dear Parents and Alumni of Immaculata High School,

I was recently notified by Sister Mary Ellen Tenny, General Superior of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), that the Sisters, who have been a part of the Immaculate Conception family since 1957 and Immaculata High School since 1962, will be reassigned from our community as of June 2019. Sister Mary Ellen explained that the number of religious Sisters available for the order's many commitments has diminished, necessitating consolidations that limit the number of convents and schools where they are assigned.

While we will deeply miss the Sisters, the strong Catholic foundation they built will continue to serve Immaculata and Immaculate Conception Schools well into the future. Thanks to their charism, firm commitment to Jesus Christ and their daily devotion to Mary Immaculate, we will retain an enduring and visible Catholic identity, a continued commitment to prayer, regular participation by the school community in the sacraments, and the highest standards of academic excellence. Our schools will continue to flourish.

The IHM Sisters have served generations of Immaculate Conception and Immaculata families, and we will pay them fitting tribute before the school year ends. Those currently assigned to our schools serve in a variety of roles, and we are most grateful for their many years of loving, dedicated, faithful service to our children, and their great witness to faith in Somerville and the surrounding communities. I want to express my deepest thanks to the four Sisters who serve at Immaculata High School today and to all the sisters who have taught at our schools over the years. The strong faculties and staffs of Immaculate Conception School and Immaculata High School are the backbone of these institutions, and are committed to faithfully sustaining the Catholicity of the schools and honoring the legacy of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Sisters have committed to continue to pray for us, and I have assured them of our continued prayers for them. We will forever hold them lovingly in our hearts.

Sincerely,

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