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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This afternoon, the Minister of Education announced the appointment of Patrick Case and Suzanne Herbert to examine issues of governance and equity in our Board.

These are critical issues and we welcome this opportunity to work with the reviewers in an open and transparent manner. This review will foster a common understanding of how we need to move forward with our community, the Board and staff members alike. I will ensure that all staff members cooperate fully throughout this important review.

I want to assure you that we take these issues very seriously, and will not shy away from the difficult conversations and the important work that lies ahead to address these concerns.

Our Board has long had a reputation for excellence and I want to acknowledge the good work that continues to take place in our schools and workplaces to advance student achievement and well-being.

We remain committed to providing our students and staff with safe, welcoming and inclusive learning and working environments that enable all of our students and staff to succeed.

I will continue to communicate with you as we take steps to address these important concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Philip Parappally'.

J. Philip Parappally
Director of Education