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Dear School Families, Faculty, Staff, School Board, and Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that Mr. Patrick Tiernan has accepted my offer to become the new principal of Saint Mary Magdalen School. The search and selection processes were conducted in coordination with Diocesan Catholic Schools Office and the School Board. In the end, Patrick was the top candidate recommended by our Search Committee and approved by the School Board. I am deeply grateful to our search committee for the enormous amount of time, energy, and patience that they exercised during this most important process.

Mr. Tiernan has sixteen years of experience as an educator, administrator, and development executive. He has been recognized on several occasions for his supervision skills, curricular development, and long-range planning abilities. He is himself a product of Catholic education and is committed to maintaining high academic standards as well as the Catholic charism that accompanies parochial school environments. In his own words, "As a product of Catholic education and a committed scholar in theology and education, my personal and professional commitment to the mission and sustainability of parochial education is evident in my credentials and experience in the field. As a servant leader, my work is to be an advocate for every student and family: promoting long-term fiscal solvency while envisioning a strategic plan which supports and emboldens the school's religious charism and high academic standards."

Patrick holds a BA in Religious Studies/Philosophy from Merrimack College. He also holds an MTS in Systematic Theology and an STM in Social Ethics, both from Boston University. He is currently a PhD Candidate in Educational Administration through Boston College. He will soon be leaving his current position as Development Director of the Theta Delta Chi Foundation to lead our great school. His start date is July 1, 2019.

Please join me in welcoming Patrick and his family into our community.

Easter Blessings,

Father Kirk

Very Rev. James T. Kirk, Jr., VF
Pastor

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