



TO: St. Laurence College Board of Management

FROM: Rev. Martin Solma, SM, Provincial
Bro. Thomas Giardino, SM, Assistant for Education

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Dear Friends and Brothers,

First of all, on behalf of the Society of Mary we want to warmly welcome our new members of the Board of Management and to thank each of you for your continuing commitment and contribution to the mission of Catholic and Marianist education for our beloved students at St. Laurence. We have been honoured to be partners with you in this vital mission for over 50 years and we look forward to the College continuing to flourish into the future.

In the meantime, you will be well aware that the Marianist brothers who continue to serve here in Loughlinstown and have given so much of their lives to St. Laurence are aging. This has required us to plan for our succession here in Ireland. You will know that we informed the College staff at the start of the academic year that we were actively exploring the benefits of St Laurence entering one of the Catholic Schools Trusts in Ireland, Le Chéile or CEIST.

Our commitment and priority is to preserve St. Laurence's unique educational focus and especially its Catholic ethos, which we fervently believe has served the College, teachers, pupils and parents very well over the past five decades. We now believe that joining a Catholic Schools Trust offers the best prospect of achieving this.

We want to take this opportunity to let you know that we will host more detailed briefings in person on December 6, 2017, for you, the staff, students and parents where we will further update you on progress around our plans. Invitations for these briefings will be communicated soon to all the groups.

Thank you again for your committed involvement on the Board of Management. It is a significant ministry that makes a difference for our students and staff. May God continue to bless your lives. Be assured of our prayers.

Yours in Christ and Mary,

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