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Dear SRCES families,

Yesterday you received a communication with frequently asked questions regarding the regionalization of our schools and how those changes might affect you and your family. Today I want to share with you some other possible changes.

We begin Catholic Schools Week this weekend. This annual celebration of Catholic education recognizes the vital role that our schools play in our families and communities. It also has traditionally been the time when most of our schools open registration for the upcoming school year. As our newly formed region is transitioning, this change has also affected the process for registration for the next school year.

Registration is an important step in our planning process so that we may budget, ensure staffing, and finalize tuition for 2021-2022. It is imperative that we prudently make predictions regarding student enrollment numbers, staffing needs, and the financial support from our parishes. With all the ambiguity surrounding finances during the pandemic, it's vital that we calculate tuition costs correctly. This is a challenging task during this uncertain time.

The regional administration, in close collaboration with our schools and parishes, expects to determine tuition rates and seek approval from the SRCES board for the schools that have their budgets completed by February 10. Some schools may begin registering prior to budget approval, therefore tuition may not be finalized. Additionally, four of our schools are expecting changes that will delay registration and tuition announcements a bit longer. We are planning for all of our schools to be able to announce tuition by early March in time for application for tuition assistance. We are certainly hoping that we can keep tuition increases for the 2021-2022 school year to a marginal level, similar to years past. Our comprehensive planning process is also so that we can make that happen!

Soon, current families will be able to enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. It is our hope that registration can begin in earnest and that each of you will register and send your nonrefundable registration fee in good faith. Our goal is to provide affordable and accessible Catholic education for all of our families in the South region. We have done our very best to keep our doors open for your children to ensure the continuation of the superior academic and Catholic education our students deserve. Thank you for your confidence and support. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Happy CSW! God bless you!

Sincerely,

Sharon Loughran Brown

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