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Dear Mount Community:

I am writing to share with you that our Head of School, Sister Fran Sullivan, has informed the Board of Trustees that she intends to retire at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic school year. We share our deepest gratitude and appreciation for her 23 years of school leadership and wish her happiness and joy as she explores this new stage of her life.

Under Sister Fran's leadership, the Mount has undergone many changes, including the building of a new athletic center and the evolution of the Doris M. Byrne Performing Arts Center. The Library Media Center has expanded to be a space for digital work, the science labs are fully renovated, and the Fine Arts and Innovation Centers have been designated. The athletic programs expanded sports in each season, and our academic programs have grown to include unique selections such as Robotics and a Senior Capstone Program. Technologic differentiators like The L.E.O. Program have further set us apart from other schools in our area. This year in particular, Sister Fran was committed to creating a hybrid learning environment so our students could benefit as much as possible in a pandemic.

As we move forward, the Board of Trustees is dedicated to finding a new Head of School who will provide the leadership necessary to move us into the future while preserving our culture and values. We are forming a search committee and will be seeking an Interim Head of School while we undertake the full search process. We will also partner with a leading academic search firm to guide us in this endeavor.

We will keep you updated as information becomes available. We look forward to including the perspectives of all constituent groups as we move toward identifying a permanent replacement. I know I speak for the Board when I share my appreciation for Sister Fran's deep commitment to the Mount, as well as the faculty and staff who continue to educate and support our students.

Sincerely,

Madeline Cox-Arleo  
*MSDA Board of Trustees Chair*