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Dear Cathedral Chapel School Community, Parents/Guardians, and Staff,

I pray this letter finds you well. Since Friday, many of you have contacted me to express your concerns regarding the future of our school. I write to you because I strive to be open and honest with our school community. Although I cannot answer all of your concerns and questions, I will address what I can, and I will provide updates to you as is appropriate.

First, I want to address concerns regarding teacher contracts. I am working with our dedicated teachers and staff to complete the contract approval process and ensure that our school will be ready to start the new year in the fall. Once I finalize the contracts and confirm who is returning, I will announce the teaching staff for School Year 2024-2025. I'm also aware that there are pending staffing needs including the current vacancies in 7th Grade, Music, Spanish, Computer, Administrative Support, and our After School Program. I assure you that we are also working to fill those positions for the incoming school year.

Many have expressed concerns regarding the selection of our new principal, as well as the appointment of an interim principal. I am working closely with the Department of Catholic Schools (DCS) of Archdiocese of Los Angeles to select an interim principal for the 2024-2025 school year and a permanent principal beginning the 2025-2026 school year. DCS has provided me with a list of candidates from their existing pool of principal applicants. A committee including DCS personnel, a long-time parishioner and former school parent, and I have begun interviewing candidates for the interim principal position. An announcement will be made once the position is filled. My intention is to have the position filled as soon as possible.

This fall, DCS will help me form another committee to interview and select a principal to lead our school and continue the tradition of excellence in education that Cathedral Chapel is known for. The new principal will begin serving our school at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

I would like to thank those of you who made me aware of the issue regarding the mailing of the STAR test results and official transcripts. They will be mailed within the next day or so. The [school calendar](#) that was mailed remains unchanged. Parents who want to join the PTO and participate in PTO meetings in July and August, or have questions about the July 13 Used Uniform Sale, should email cathedralchapelpto@gmail.com for more information.

I appreciate your patience and prayers for our school community during this time of transition. The prayer of [St. Francis of Assisi](#) has been of special comfort to me and I hope it brings you some peace. For any specific questions, please feel free to contact me at Fr.DoanPham@la-archdiocese.org.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Doan The Pham

Fr. Doan The Pham, Pastor