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Dear Preston Students, Families, Faculty, Staff, Alumnae and Friends,

Two weeks ago, we announced with great sadness the closing of Preston High School (PHS) at the conclusion of this school year due to changing demographics, financial instability and lower enrollment which has decreased by 30% in the past 13 years. This decision was made after serious deliberations by the school's Board of Trustees.

Since announcing Preston's closure, there has been an outpouring of love and support for Preston High School from the extended community. Please know that we read and considered your messages about the closure of Preston. We also appreciate the kind words of support.

Additionally, over the past two weeks there has been an external, concerted effort to reverse the decision to close Preston High School. While we commend everyone who has taken action to keep Preston open, we encourage you to redirect your energy to support the needs of Preston students and staff during this last academic year.

Many of you have asked for clarification about this effort, and here we must reiterate that the decision to close is final. The leadership of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion support this decision. We will not be entertaining any circumstances that would alter this fact. We do not want to foster false hope that the ongoing "save the school" attempts will reverse the closing of the school.

Our focus is and will remain on educating Preston students through the end of this school year, graduating the final senior class, transitioning current students to other schools, and assisting employees in the next step in their professional careers.

We thank our dedicated faculty and staff, who have cherished their responsibility to share the Preston High School values and traditions with their students. As we move forward, we pray that Preston values and traditions will remain guiding stars for all.

Respectfully,

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