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Dear St. Ursula School Staff, School Parents, and Parish Community,

As the conclusion of 2021-22 school year quickly approaches, we would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Madgar, for her leadership as interim principal. Her love for the St. Ursula community is evident by her devoted service and tireless work to provide a safe, Christ-centered, and academically excellent learning environment for all students. We extend our heartfelt prayers and best wishes as she embarks on her next chapter in life – retirement!

In order to ensure a smooth transition in leadership, a principal search committee was formed to identify an experienced leader to continue the mission of St. Ursula School. The search committee received many qualified applicants and spent the last few months diligently assessing and evaluating each candidate to determine the best fit for the St. Ursula School community.

As a result of those efforts, we are excited to announce that Mrs. Leslie Jones has been appointed as the new principal, effective July 1, 2022.

Mrs. Jones is a dedicated Catholic school educator and administrator, with almost 15 years of classroom and leadership experience. She most recently served as the principal of St. Agatha Catholic School in Portland, Oregon and the Regional Chair of the Southeast Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Portland. Mrs. Jones has also served as the principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Medford, Oregon.

In her leadership roles, Mrs. Jones worked collaboratively with parents, students, and staff to foster team-oriented environments that encouraged a culture embodied with values. She also consistently implemented archdiocesan standards to achieve top accreditation ratings and oversaw significant capital projects and educational programs during her tenure.

Mrs. Jones holds a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Southern Nazarene University, and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Jones will be relocating to the Baltimore area with her husband, Kurt, and children, Luke and Zachary. She is looking forward to meeting the St. Ursula school and parish community in the coming months.

We are grateful for the work of the principal search committee and are confident that with Mrs. Jones leadership and your support, St. Ursula School will continue to remain a beacon of learning and faith.

Please keep Mrs. Jones and her family in your prayers, as she transitions into her new leadership role.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jason C. Worley, Pastor
St. Ursula Catholic Church

Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent
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