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Dear Children, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Friends of Saint James School:

After conducting an extensive search, I am pleased to inform you that we have selected Mrs. Bridget Zorger to be the new principal of Saint James School. Mrs. Zorger will assume her new role on July 1, following Mrs. Kanute's retirement.

Mrs. Zorger is well known in the Saint James community, having taught at our school for some 20 years, beginning as a first grade teacher in 1995. After ten years of teaching, Mrs. Zorger took a few years off to raise her young children, returning to our school in 2008 as a second grade teacher - a position which she still holds today and says she enjoys immensely.

Our search for a new principal included candidates from a variety of backgrounds, and consisted of two rounds of interviews conducted by representatives of various constituencies, including parents, teachers, staff, school board members, and parishioners – with each individual well-qualified to participate in the process. I am especially pleased that Mrs. Kanute was part of the selection committee, and has offered to remain involved through the transition.

Mrs. Zorger was unquestionably the individual best qualified to serve as principal of Saint James, and stood head and shoulders above the other candidates. She has the experience and skills to lead our school as we continue the tradition of providing an excellent Catholic education befitting our Blue Ribbon School.

In addition to her many years of teaching experience, Mrs. Zorger has distinguished herself in several additional capacities: she has chaired the school's Language Arts Committee since 2008, served on two NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges) Visiting Teams, and participated in the school's Strategic Planning Committee (an extension of the Saint James School Board) since 2015. I was especially impressed with her outstanding leadership as the chairperson of the highly-successful NEASC accreditation process for our school in 2016.

Mrs. Zorger is a graduate of the University of Dayton (BS in Elementary Education with a concentration in Psychology), and Central Connecticut State University (Master of Science in Reading and Language Arts). She holds a Connecticut Professional Educator Certificate in both Grades K-6 and 4-8, and recently earned a graduate certificate in Catholic School Leadership. And she had a great start in life: she herself is a graduate of Saint James School!

Bridget Zorger and her husband, Wayne, live in Manchester with their two children – Colin, a 2015 Saint James graduate, and Cora, who graduated just this year.

Mrs. Zorger will now participate in the process of selecting a vice principal from among several good candidates. As soon as we have made a selection we will let you know. *(Continued on next page)*

I am convinced that, in selecting Bridget Zorger as our next principal, we have chosen the person best qualified to lead Saint James School for the next several years. I hope you'll join me in congratulating her and in wishing her well as she prepares to take over the reins of Saint James!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Kevin P. Cavanaugh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Father Kevin P. Cavanaugh
Pastor