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Dear Parents/Guardians.

For some time now, we (Religious Sisters of Charity) have been looking at the future of 5 of our Secondary Schools with a view to transferring our Trusteeship. You will appreciate that we are no longer in a position to continue as Trustees.

Having looked at various options, I am happy to inform you that we are now in the process of transferring the Trusteeship of the schools to the Le Chéile Schools Trust. We have met with the Boards of Management and staffs of the five schools and their response has been very positive and encouraging.

Le Chéile is an Irish word meaning "together". It is a Catholic Schools' Trust that supports schools in upholding their values, ethos and mission, while also providing leadership and governance support. Joining Le Chéile will strengthen your School's ability to provide a high-quality education rooted in inclusivity, respect and care for each student. To date 16 Religious Congregations have transferred their schools to the Le Cheile Trust. There are 66 Post Primary Schools and 13 Primary Schools in the Trust.

This transition will not change the day-to-day experience of our students, staff, Board of Management, or you as parents. The governance structures already in place — Boards of Management and Senior Management - will not change. Each School in the Trust maintains its own identity. Your School will remain a Religious Sister of Charity School rooted in the spirit and vision of Mary Aikenhead. Your School's commitment to academic excellence, pastoral care and social justice will remain at the heart of your School Community. However, joining Le Chéile will provide your School with additional support and resources to enhance the opportunities available to our students.

We are confident that this change will be positive for our students, staff and the wider school community. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward on this journey together.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

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