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Dear Families,

It is with deep sadness that I write this letter to you. You have just received some extremely shocking news. No one was more surprised by the decision to close Notre Dame than I and like you, I am pretty broken-hearted. Thankfully I am surrounded by the most wonderful people in the world, including our staff, our Pastors Father Allain and Father Cavangnaro, our priests, and our school board. While my grief and shock is overwhelming, their support has sustained me as we worked to explore our options and the ways that we can support our families.

I met with the board last evening after I heard the news so that I would be better prepared to address the challenges that today will bring. Below are the things we discussed:

1. **We will sponsor a meeting for families and friends of Notre Dame tonight, Friday night at 6:30pm in the gym at the Landisville Campus. Please do not bring children to this meeting.** We will explain all that we know and discuss the next steps. Please come to the meeting. We need your input and help. Also I want to supply you with the facts to help defray rumors.
2. We will have board members coming to the school to help support our children during dismissal in the event that there is news media. It will be hard to control their intrusion at the Newfield Campus but with the limited parking I am fairly confident that we can protect our students with your assistance. As for the Landisville Campus dismissal, all car riders will be picked up from the gym doors rather than the front of the school. I am notifying the police departments of both communities to help us. If you want to pick up your children prior to dismissal that is fine and will not count against their record.
3. I will not discuss this with the children of the Newfield Campus, however I will gather the Landisville campus students at 1pm to explain this to them. If you would rather that your children hear this message from you then you may pick them up before then and take them home. Of course this will not count against their attendance record. You may also join us as I announce this to the children.
4. Midterm exams at the Landisville Campus were postponed today. We will provide you with a make up date.
5. The basketball games for this evening will be rescheduled.

Again please come to meeting tonight. The meeting is open to **all supporters of Notre Dame**. This includes friends, family, grandparents and all others who love Notre Dame.

Sadly,

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