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SAINT MICHAEL INDIAN SCHOOL MEMO

TO: SMIS PARENT AND GUARDIANS, STAFF AND ALUMNI

FROM: DOT TESO, PRESIDENT SMIS

SUBJECT: SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACARMENT (SBS) VISIT TO SMIS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

CC: VELMA BEGAY, SR. STEPHANIE HENRY, SR. THERESA CHATO, SMIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Saint Michael Indian School (SMIS) Parents and Guardians, Staff and Alumni,

Next week Sr. Stephanie Henry, SBS President, and Sr. Theresa Chato, SBS Vice President, will visit our campus. During their visit we will hold meetings with parents, guardians, staff and alumni, to open a conversation about the future of SMIS. The intent of these meeting is to share a vision for the school, as the SBS consider their future as a religious order and how this will affect SMIS.

As previously announced, the Sisters will meet with SMIS Staff throughout the day on Monday, September 16th. The meetings will be held in an open-door format held in the President's Conference Room in Red Lane. Staff is invited to stop by and visit with the Sister's during their breaks, lunch and prep. For those who were unable to visit one-on-one or in small groups, there will be a group meeting at 4:00 PM in the Sisters' Chapel.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with the Sisters on Tuesday, September 17th by attending one of four meetings to be held at 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM in the Student Chapel. Alumni are invited to meet with the Sisters at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 18th in the Student Chapel. Lastly, the Sisters will address the students after Mass on Thursday, September 19th.

I pray you will take advantage of this important opportunity to hear from the SBS firsthand and share your hopes for the future of SMIS. We are one body in Christ, and together God will guide us.

St. Michael Indian School provides students from local Native American communities with a quality education that is rooted in Catholic values, is sensitive to Native heritage, teaches leadership skills and enables students to contribute in a culturally diverse world.