



March 15, 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues in the Ministry of Catholic Education,

I am happy to announce that I have appointed Mrs. Kristin Dixon, M.Ed., Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Seattle, effective April 3. As you know, Dr. Patrick Haggarty recently announced his resignation and will be moving to Lincoln, Nebraska, to work for a private firm that supports professional development for Catholic schools. Mrs. Dixon's term as Interim Superintendent will be in place until a formal search process has recommended a successor to Dr. Haggarty and the successor has taken office. Given the timing, it is possible that Mrs. Dixon's term will last through the 2017-2018 academic year.

Many of you know Kristin well, because for the past several years she has served the Catholic Schools Office as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Professional Development. She previously served as Principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe School in West Seattle, and her strong devotion to Catholic education is well-known. Recently, she led a process for the comprehensive revision of our religion curriculum, which has become a model for Catholic school systems. As principal, she was beloved to students and families alike.

All of us can be confident that our system of Catholic Schools is in good hands with Kristin. As we say thank-you and farewell to Dr. Haggarty, we enthusiastically and gratefully welcome Kristin Dixon to this important position.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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J. Peter Sartain
Archbishop of Seattle