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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serving faithfully since 2009 as our Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Susan Murphy has offered me her resignation, effective December 31, 2021. Ms. Murphy is a dedicated educator whose many years of experience served us well these past twelve years. I admire her love for Catholic education and her commitment to implement the principles of Catholic pedagogy, especially those found in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, *To Teach as Jesus Did*. I know she will be missed by many whose lives she has touched in a positive way. I offer her our prayers and best wishes in her future endeavors.

In addition, I wish to announce that Ms. Donna Illerbrun has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Ms. Illerbrun is no stranger to us, having served as a middle school teacher of mathematics at St. Therese Catholic School in Albuquerque. In 2007 she became the Vice Principal of that school and in 2009 she became the principal. Before her time in New Mexico, she has served in a variety of educational positions in Florida and in Belgium. Donna also participated in the deacon formation program of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe with her husband, Michael, who serves at Nativity parish in Albuquerque.

I am confident that Ms. Illerbrun will build on the foundation built by Ms. Murphy and lead our schools through the difficult waters we are navigating here in New Mexico. There are many challenges faced by our schools, many of which concern the economy and the ever-changing landscape of education today. I am grateful to Ms. Illerbrun for accepting this new position and I wish her every success in the years ahead. Please join me in praying for all our Catholic school teachers, administrators and support staff who live out the Gospel as they follow his command to "teach all nations", giving our young people a solid foundation for following Christ in all things.

With sincere wishes for a blessed Christmas season and a grace-filled New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Wester". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe