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Dear Koraes Parents,

As our faithful families have returned to school for the new year, we are reminded of St. John Chrysostom's words: "Let everything take second place to our care of our children, our bringing them up to the discipline and instruction of the Lord. If from the beginning we teach them to love true wisdom, they will have greater wealth and glory than riches can provide." We take these words to heart and we believe that good schools educate the whole child with a well-rounded curriculum. Solid formation and continuous support of our children will help ensure that they are given every chance to live whole and healthy lives, devoted to God and to Christ's church.

As the new school year continues to move forward, we urge our Orthodox Christian parents to be aware of the new sexual education standards in Illinois public schools referred to as "comprehensive sex education". Our parents should be aware that the curriculum in the comprehensive sexual education standards are not aligned with our Christian Orthodox faith. Sexual education, when informed by truth and beauty of our Orthodox Christian faith and morality, focuses our children on the selfless love modeled by Jesus Christ and leads to the union between body and spirit. Such education promotes the value of chastity and teaches the self control needed to honor the dignity of ourselves and others. It is our belief that the standards put forth in comprehensive sex education curriculum are contrary to church teaching on God's gift of sexuality. We respect every family's right to make decisions regarding this topic and educating their children. Therefore, **Koraes Elementary School will not adopt nor require instruction of the new comprehensive sexual education standards.**

As our families of faith continue to move forward hand-in-hand with Koraes Elementary School in the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to share that we will continue to support our community of learners first through our Orthodox Christian faith, the Bible as the epi center and foundation of all education and development and our greatest education being the knowledge of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Beth Lind*

Principal  
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