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Esteemed Members of the Koraes Elementary School Board,

We pray that this message finds you and your families well. We are writing to share with you a recent decision made by the Parish Council, one that will bring some changes to the composition of our School Board moving forward.

After thoughtful consideration at our March meeting, the Parish Council adopted a new policy as part of our ongoing efforts to follow best practices for government and management of the church and all her ministries, of which the Koraes Elementary School is among the most important. The policy enacted by the Parish Council states that individuals who currently have children enrolled at Koraes Elementary School will no longer be able to serve on the Board unless a waiver is granted by the Parish Council.

We pause here to recognize the incredible work that this School Board has accomplished, and to thank you for the long hours and selfless dedication you demonstrated in service to the parish and the school and thus to the faith and to our Lord and Savior. Know that the intent of this change is to help ensure objectivity and fairness and minimize any actual or perceived conflicts of interest. In so doing, we strengthen the integrity of our school's governance and also its profile and perception that may open up grant and other opportunities that are otherwise impaired by having so many "inside" board members.

The Parish Council and stewards of the community of Sts. Constantine and Helen have and continue to want only the best for the school, and we pray that you agree that this policy change is in the best interests of students, teachers, and administrators as we collectively work to guide the future of our beloved school. This policy will take effect on June 6, 2025, with the School Board for the 2025 – 2026 academic year seated on June 7. Until such time, we are certain that you will continue to serve the school with integrity and care, and welcome the opportunity to discuss this policy if you wish to invite members of the Executive Committee of the Parish Council to your next meeting.

We understand that this change may bring about challenges. We greatly appreciate the time, energy, and love that each of you has invested in the school. Your dedication has made a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and in the broader school community, and for that, we convey our heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the entire community. We are confident that you will continue to serve the church and the school in ways that will further the already tremendous impact that you have already made.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this change further, I encourage you to contact either Fr. Chris, Jim Stavrou or George Lattas. We remain committed to working together for the continued success and growth of Koraes.

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris Avramopoulos, Protopresbyter
Proistmanenos, SS. Constantine and Helen

Mr. Jim Stavrou, President
Parish Council