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Dear Saint Martin de Porres Community,

I have some important news to share, and I wanted you to hear about it directly from me.

Principal Gary Sardon has been dismissed for an inappropriate communication with a student.

I know this is sudden and deserves some explanation.

I don't want to go into details because this is a personnel matter but I do want to emphasize that this situation did not involve any physical contact with any student. I say that not to minimize the situation but to try to provide some clarity while respecting the privacy of the individuals involved.

Our students' safety and wellbeing is our top priority. And we hold one another to very high standards at Saint Martin de Porres. When those standards are not met, we will act decisively.

We will announce an interim principal shortly and determine exactly how to move forward.

What doesn't change is our mission of providing our students with the best possible education, combined with our unique work program, to help prepare them to become men and women of faith, purpose and service.

If you have any questions about this – or anything else, for that matter – please let me know. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward. Thank you for supporting Saint Martin de Porres.

Peace,

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