



St. Mary's International School

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Dear SMIS Community,

Following from my letter in November, I wanted to update you on the inquiry commissioned by the School into allegations of sexual misconduct at St. Mary's many years ago. The panel, selected and led by Ms. Keiko Ohara, a Japanese attorney, is fully engaged in its work. There has been one change in the membership, with Dr. Harold J. Bursztajn asking to step down due to other commitments. Ms. Ohara has been able to find an equally distinguished expert, Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman, to fill his place and ensure that the work of the panel is not delayed.

Dr. Becker-Weidman is a psychologist with extensive experience in the evaluation and treatment of victims of physical, psychological, emotional, and sexual abuse. He regularly consults with mental health organizations, law enforcement agencies, governments and other professionals.

Mr. Jack Byrd and Mr. Angus B. Llewellyn continue in their roles as panel members.

The mission of the panel is to conduct a thorough and independent inquiry into what happened, keeping in mind the respect and compassion due those who have come forward to report misconduct. This process does take time and cooperation from all involved, and we ask for your patience as they do their work.

As stated in my previous correspondence, if you have any information to share with the panel, please contact them directly at the following email address: panel@kamlaw.com.

Our utmost priority is the safety of our students. We continue to take every step to ensure that we provide them with a safe and sound environment. Some of the steps we have taken include our continuing review of the safety measures we have in place, divisional training sessions on child protection for all of our teachers and sending all members of our administrative staff to conferences focused on child protection. We have also spoken to students about the importance of reporting any behaviors that make them feel uncomfortable and are in process of planning further training sessions for them and for their parents.

Next month, I will be attending a training session conducted by David Wolowitz, who has extensive experience advising schools on these matters. Following that we will begin to schedule training sessions here for faculty, staff and parents.

We want to thank you for your supportive words, and ask that you join us in praying for



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any member of our community who might have been harmed. I will continue to keep you updated as we move forward. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Saburo Kagei

Headmaster