



ARCHDIOCESE OF NASSAU

Office of the Archbishop

26 May 2021

Dear Members of the St. Augustine's College Community,

Re: APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PRINCIPAL OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE

We are pleased to announce that after an extensive search for the next principal of St. Augustine's College, Ms. Marici Thompson has been appointed as the incoming Principal of St. Augustine's College, effective 1st January 2022.

As you are aware, Ms. Marici Thompson currently serves as Guidance Counsellor at St. Augustine's College. An alumna of St. Augustine's College, she taught at the college for fifteen years before serving as Guidance Counsellor for the past nineteen years. She places as a priority the safety and well-being of staff and students, along with the goal of improving the curriculum to better prepare students to succeed at the tertiary level. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and Sociology and a Certificate of Secondary Education from the College of Mount St. Vincent (New York), a Master of Education Degree in School Counselling from Kent State University (Ohio) and is currently pursuing a second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, Management and Emerging Technology through Marconi International University (Miami, Florida).

She is a member of the Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools Counsellors' Association. She serves on the Juvenile Panel, Department of Legal Affairs and has collaborated with members of the Armed Forces to plan seminars for students. Her duties have also included working with the Department of Social Services and Community Counselling Services. As college advisor, she has established long term relationships with admissions counsellors and university presidents, securing placement and scholarships for many students over the years. She has worked on various SAC planning committees including the 50th, 60th, 70th and 75th anniversary events, alongside members of the Board of Directors, administrators and alumni.

Ms. Thompson has been a member of St. Anselm's Roman Catholic Church for the past twenty-five where she is very active as a reader and commentator, and previously taught children's liturgy. She also taught CCD for several years at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral when she was a member of that parish and was certified by the Archdiocese of New York in 1987.

We would like to thank the Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Linda A. Davis, Search Consultant and Chair, and comprising Dr. Donald L. Edwards, Associate Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Miami; Mrs. Maria Ferere, Financial Consultant and Alumna; Mr. William

Fielding, Deacon, St. Paul the Apostle Church and Director of Institutional Strengthening at the University of The Bahamas; Fr. Kendrick Forbes, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Nassau; Mrs. Claudette Rolle, Director of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Nassau; Mrs. Rebecca Moss, Computer Studies Teacher, St. Augustine's College; and Mrs. Crystal Green-Woods, Secretary to the Search Committee and Special Projects Officer, Catholic Board of Education, Archdiocese of Nassau.

The level of transparency, inclusivity, integrity, rigor of the search process is to be applauded and sets the benchmark for future searches within and across the Catholic Board School System.

We thank you too for your active engagement in the search process and anticipate your support of the new Principal as she readies herself to assume the post. Indeed, the success of the institution will greatly depend upon the energised efforts of internal and external stakeholders working in collaboration to achieve our strategic goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick C. Pinder".

Most Reverend Patrick C. Pinder, STD, CMG, KC*HS
Archbishop of Nassau

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McWeeney".

Paul McWeeney
Chair, SAC Board of Directors