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Important Announcement Regarding Our K4 Program and First Steps Partnership

Dear Holy Trinity Catholic School Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming 2026–2027 school year, our leadership team, with the support of Fr. John, continues to evaluate our programs to ensure we are delivering the highest standards of spiritual formation and academic excellence for every student.

With this commitment in mind, we are writing to inform you that Holy Trinity Catholic School has made the final decision to discontinue our partnership with the state's First Steps 4K program, effective for the upcoming school year.

While we initially entered into this relationship with high hopes, an extensive review of the program has shown that its overreaching restrictions and rigid guidelines do not align with our educational standards, nor do they support the best interests of our students and teachers. Most importantly, our data (and theirs) over the past few years has indicated a decline in kindergarten readiness among participants due to these constraints and we have had to supplement their program to support our students.

By moving away from these state restrictions, Holy Trinity retains full autonomy over our K4 curriculum. This allows us to intentionally infuse our own proven best practices and cherished Catholic identity into the classroom, ensuring our youngest learners are fully prepared—academically, socially, and spiritually—for a seamless transition into Kindergarten.

What this means for our families:

- **Our K4 Program Continues:** Please rest assured that our K4 program remains fully active, vibrant, and committed to serving your children.
- **Support for Affected Families:** We are reaching out directly to the individual families who were previously approved for the First Steps grant for this upcoming year to ensure their transition is seamless and fully supported by the school.

Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and dedication to the Holy Trinity Catholic School community. If you have any questions regarding this adjustment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Blessings,

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