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Dear Members of the Presentation High School Community,

We are writing to you today to express our profound sadness regarding the sexual misconduct and subsequent regrettable ineffective action, or in some cases, lack of action at our dearly loved Presentation High School. They run contrary to everything the Sisters of the Presentation believe in – and stand for, most critically, promoting a society which respects the dignity of all persons.

In addition, they do not reflect the core beliefs on which our school was founded in 1962.

Particularly distressing to the Presentation Sisters is the pain these actions have caused the survivors. We are grateful for their courage in coming forward, recognizing how difficult it must have been.

We recognize the delay in effecting meaningful change but are thankful that new leadership took decisive steps. We are also gratified that the school community and the Presentation Sisters have now received a full accounting of the findings of the investigators. Most importantly, the survivors have been heard and new policies and procedures are in place to protect present and future students. Training which includes the duty to maintain appropriate boundaries between faculty and staff and students, as well as the duty to report suspected misconduct, is now – and will continue to be - an important component of professional development at Presentation High School, to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

It is our most fervent hope that the survivors can now begin to heal and find peace. All of them will remain in the prayers of the Presentation Sisters.

We have faith that our community will be able to come together to realize even more deeply the words of our foundress, Venerable Nano Nagle, *Not Words But Deeds*, and find comfort in Our Lady of the Presentation as she guides us forward, and we grow in grace and wisdom.

Sincerely yours,

Sister Michele Anne Murphy, PBVM
President