



**Auxiliary Bishop  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

October 10, 2017

Dear Friends in Catholic Education,

As referenced in previous communications over the summer, the Executive Board of Elementary Education (EBEE) has been engaged in the search for a Secretary of Elementary Education following the departure of the superintendent at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. The newly created position of Secretary of Elementary Education will allow for better focus and support of elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese.

One of our goals is to keep all of you up-to-date on the process as well as progress made thus far. A dedicated landing page has been established on the Archdiocesan website ([www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org)) so that all interested parties can remain informed. The dedicated link for the landing page is <http://archphila.org/secretary-for-elementary-education/>.

Many committed individuals are working on the search committee and we are grateful for their involvement and expertise. Please visit the link above for detailed information about the position, the search committee, and our goals.

Our hope remains to identify the ideal candidate by the end of the calendar year and to have this individual in place by July 1, 2018. During the search period, Ms. Judy Sweeney has graciously agreed to continue serving as the interim Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Please pray for all those involved in this important work being undertaken for the benefit of our elementary schools.

Sincerely in Christ,

***Bishop Michael Fitzgerald***  
***Chair EBEE***

***Brother Richard Kestler, FSC***  
***Co-Chair EBEE***

***Mr. Jerry Parsons***  
***Co-Chair EBEE***