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Dear Parents,

The Councils of the three Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George wish to extend their gratitude for the vital role you play in promoting Catholic education in our city. As our current school year begins drawing to a close, we may reflect on many achievements and successes over the past several months. Looking ahead, we must also begin preparing the way for continued success.

The councils of the three Catholic Independent Schools in Prince George have worked together to set common tuition and busing rates for the coming year. We have decided it is necessary to make modest increases in tuition rates. There will be an additional \$5 per month for those with one child in our schools (a 2% increase), and an additional \$10 per month for those with two or more children in our schools (a 2.8% increase).

We are also increasing busing rates by \$10/month for both individual and family riders. These increases are fairly substantial, representing a 14% for individual riders and 11% for two or more riders. The reason for these higher rates of increase is that we find it necessary to begin addressing an imbalance between the share of the cost of busing borne by those families who make use of the service and the share covered out of our school operating revenues. For instance, this year we estimate that the three schools will be billed approximately \$125,000 for busing, but we will only collect approximately \$51,000 in fees. In the interest of equity, the Councils are asking those who use this service to assume a marginally larger share of the overall expense.

In summary, next year's fee structure is outlined, as follows.

Tuition fee as of September 1, 2017:	\$255/month/individual
	\$370/month/family
Bus fee as of September 1, 2017:	\$80/month/individual
	\$100/month/family

The three School Councils thank you for your continued contributions to our schools. We value all of our families and welcome any feedback you may have.

Sincerely,

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