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Dear Saint Andrew's Community,

The *Boston Globe* ran an article on May 8 entitled "Private Schools, Painful Secrets" which chronicled a history of abuse over many decades at some independent schools. It is difficult reading.

We, like other schools around the country, see this as an opportunity for us to consider our own past and to focus on ways in which we can work to improve our ability to protect our students and foster a safe, supportive, and healthy learning environment. Framed by our core values which include honor, integrity, and respect, the Board of Trustees is undertaking two important actions to address this critical issue.

First, we will fortify our policies and increase community awareness and empowerment through training and education conducted by McLane Middleton, a law firm with expertise in advising independent schools. We will publish the dates and times of this program to our School community.

Second, we have established a dedicated process to address promptly and thoroughly any reports of possible sexual abuse of Saint Andrew's students. The law firm of Holland & Knight LLP has been engaged to investigate any reports of sexual abuse of Saint Andrew's students. Individuals who have information about any current or past instances of sexual abuse of Saint Andrew's students by faculty, staff, administrators or students, are urged to contact Beth Deragon of McLane Middleton by email at beth.deragon@mclane.com or by telephone at [603-628-1490](tel:603-628-1490). Appropriate matters will be referred to Holland & Knight for investigation.

We greatly appreciate your support and engagement as we live our core values in this fundamentally important aspect of our work.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees, Saint Andrew's School



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