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ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL AND ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH REACH AGREEMENT FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR TO CONTINUE AS PLANNED

Boynton Beach, Fla. (May 27, 2022) – St. Joseph's Episcopal School (SJES) and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, both located in Boynton Beach, today announced they have reached an arrangement that will enable the school to continue operating on the church's property through June 30, 2023. The litigation between the school and church, however, will remain pending.

"This is a great day for the students, their parents and the faculty of SJES," said Bill Swaney, president of the school's board of trustees. "Providing certainty for the upcoming school year has been the goal during the last five weeks, and today it was achieved."

Originally founded as a parish school in 1958, SJES incorporated as a separate and distinct legal entity from the church in 1995. The school maintains its religious affiliation with the neighboring Episcopal church; however, their operations are separate.

"Our goal and intent from the very first moment we gave notice of the November 30, 2022 lease expiration date, was to facilitate a smooth transition process," said the Reverend Martin Zlatic, Rector of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. "I know I speak for our Vestry and congregation when I say we are so grateful that this mutually agreed to arrangement has been reached to provide some relief for the school families and students."

About St. Joseph's Episcopal School

Established in 1958, St. Joseph's Episcopal School provides a challenging and innovative education in a nurturing, diverse, and inclusive environment. The independent day school's curriculum focuses on spirituality, science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (S-STEAM), and fosters the importance of collaboration, critical thinking and 21st century skills. For more information, visit www.sjsonline.org.

About St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

The first church service for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church was held in July 1953. and parish status was established in 1956. Since parish status was established in 1956, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has grown to offer variety and excellence in liturgical worship and music and focus on intergenerational involvement. Offering an array of parish programming, as well as its outreach program to support agencies and mission work both locally and abroad, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church is a place where kids and adults of all ages come together for ministry and fellowship. To learn more about worship services, ministry, and fellowship at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, visit <http://www.stjoesweb.org/>.