



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

January 26, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to inform all concerned that St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem was specifically addressed by me at the Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Town Hall Meeting on January 21, 2018. At that meeting, in front of all who were in attendance, including Fr. Frink and Fr. Nicholas, I stated that both churches (Mary Queen of Peace and Saint Joseph) **and** St. Joseph Regional Catholic School were to continue unabated.

My concern as Bishop of this Diocese is to strengthen – **not close** – our Catholic Schools. St. Joseph's is on an upward planning trend. Therefore, anyone who purposefully misinforms or misrepresents the truth of what I said at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and the statements made in the communique, is knowingly and purposefully causing grave harm to the school and parish communities.

Saint Joseph School is to remain, grow, and serve the Gospel, our children and our families now and even more so in the future.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester