



August 28, 2020

Dear St. Catherine – St. Lucy School Families,

The Community Resource Board of St. Catherine – St. Lucy School (SCSL) would like to extend a “hello” to the students, faculty, and families of this amazing extended family. We hope this note finds you healthy and well during these trying times.

For many, this is likely the first time you are hearing from the board. The fundamental purpose of the Community Resource Board is to channel resources from the Oak Park and Austin communities to support the families, faculty and administration of SCSSL, thereby advancing the mission of the school. We would love to share with you our initiatives and projects at a later date.

During times of uncertainty, it is often easier to remain silent until a clear course of action or response presents itself. The year 2020 has dealt us a blow like no other. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery sent shock waves through an already fragile society. This coupled with a pandemic that has continued to devastate communities of color has many feeling helpless and called to action simultaneously. Eight months into the year and we are still learning to survive all while trying to thrive for our families, friends, and communities.

While we as a board don’t have all the answers, we did want to acknowledge the gravity of the current environment and the systematic issues at large that plague a large majority of our population. The reckoning of this will take time.

For now, and the purpose of this communication, is to hopefully provide you with a voice. We do not want you to be silent. The upcoming school year will undoubtedly present unique challenges. To best serve our St. Catherine - St. Lucy community, we are asking faculty and families to let us know what you are struggling with and where you may need help. We will do our very best to assist you! Our email is: SCSLBoard@catherinelucy.org.

Thank you and God bless you!