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## **Promoting Accessibility at Sacred Heart School: Committed to Inclusion and Progress**

At Sacred Heart School, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every member of our community feels valued and empowered. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure accessibility and equal opportunities for all, we are excited to share our commitment to the Accessibility B.C. Act.

We are proud to be part of the larger movement towards enhanced accessibility, working in collaboration with the eight CISPG Schools. Together, we have taken proactive steps by establishing local School Committees, exemplifying our shared dedication to promoting accessibility within our educational community.

In June 2023, our collective commitment took a tangible form as we completed the comprehensive 9-page School Physical Accessibility Audit Checklist. This diligent assessment process allowed us to identify key areas for improvement and establish priorities for our physical spaces. As a result, we are pleased to highlight some of our priorities for not only the 2023/24 school year, but also in years to come.

In line with our commitment to accessibility, the initial priorities, throughout the CISPG Diocese include:

1. **Enhanced Signage**
2. **Sensory Rooms**
3. **Updated Door Handles**
4. **Accessible Ramps**
5. **Inclusive/Accessible Playground**

Looking ahead, we are dedicated to continuing our efforts by reconvening a school-based Accessibility Committee and adhering to the guidelines set by the Ministry. Our goal is to hold an initial meeting by October 30, 2023, to further chart our path towards accessibility excellence.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making Sacred Heart School an accessible haven for everyone.

Sincerely,



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