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Dear St. Charles Community

For some time now, SCCS has been leasing space to Academy Kids Day Care (AKD). Overall we have enjoyed a great relationship with AKD, each benefitting from the others proximity. However, growing pressure on the school and the school's facilities have forced the SCCS Board of Management to make the difficult decision to terminate AKD's lease effective **June 30, 2021**. A fifteen month notification of termination was provided to allow AKD enough time to find an alternative facility for their business and to arrange for the move.

A few parents have come to the Administration and the Board asking why we have chosen to "close" the daycare. First, we are unaware of whether or not the daycare is choosing to close or to relocate. Second, please be aware that the closure of the <u>daycare</u> would not be a decision for the SCCS Board or Administration to make as we are two separate entities. AKD is a tenant of SCCS. The SCCS Board of Management only makes decisions regarding the space which AKD leases. Whether or not the daycare chooses to close or relocate after the termination of the SCCS/AKD lease is a decision of the AKD Board of Directors.

Meanwhile, with regards to the reason for the termination of the lease, be advised that the space currently occupied by AKD has become critical for the school's long term success. As most people are aware, SCCS has currently maxed out its current space. Growing pressure for more classrooms and academic working spaces has forced the Board and Administration to look for room to expand. Reoccupying the space currently leased to AKD, upgrading it and transforming it into usable facilities for the school, is the most feasible option in our current environment. The intention to reoccupy the space has been part of the dialogue with AKD for a number of years and in particular since the beginning of the capital campaign discussions.

Although we appreciate that daycare space is limited, we are aware that there are other rental opportunities available to businesses such as AKD in the area. We hope that they choose to relocate and wish them well in their future endeavours.

God Bless

Robyn Powell

**Board Chairperson**