

**Dear Students, Families, and the St. Mary's School for the Deaf Community,**

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of you for your enduring commitment and support to our **Child First** School and for making **SMSD** an amazing place for our students to learn and grow. The first half of the academic year has been filled with remarkable achievements and memorable moments. Our collective efforts to provide our students with exceptional education are filled with passion and commitment. Learning is happening on all fronts, before, during and after school.

**To our students**, I applaud your hard work and determination. Your thirst for knowledge and passion for learning have been truly inspiring.

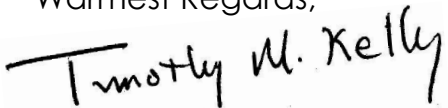
**To the families**, thank you for your continuous involvement in your child's education. You play an invaluable role in our shared achievements.

**To our dedicated educators, administrators, and support staff**, thank you for working tirelessly to provide an enriching and safe learning environment.

**To our wonderful community**, thank you for your continuous support. Your partnership with **SMSD** has been instrumental in fostering an environment where our students can thrive. Together, we have created an educational ecosystem that sets the foundation for lifelong success.

As we leave 2023 and enter 2024, I want to wish you the gift of kindness. A gift that costs nothing but has a priceless impact. May this holiday season bring you and your family peace and joy. **May the Spirit of St. Mary's be with you today and always.**

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Timothy M. Kelly, Superintendent