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Dear Neighbor:

The recent redistricting proposal for Harford County's public elementary schools has left many parents feeling confused and concerned, wondering what the proposed changes may mean for them. Even if the new redistricting plan isn't slated to affect your household, you may still find yourself looking to make a change to ensure the brightest, most positive future for your child.

I write to assure you that at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School, there are no boundaries to an academically-excellent education for the children we serve. Like you, most parents want to give their children the very best opportunities to succeed – as responsible students, well-rounded individuals, and ultimately as thoughtful citizens of our world. These are the very reasons parents have been sending their children to Saint John School, located just over the Harford/Baltimore County line in Long Green Valley, for over 150 years.

Open to children of all faiths, Saint John School has a solid reputation in our community for its rigorous academic program and ideal class sizes at a price well below that of other area private schools. With investments in technology and upgrades to our facilities, the school is well-positioned to challenge today's students in preparing them for the academic and career opportunities that await them.

Saint John the Evangelist School has many advantages to offer you and your child, including:

- ✓ **Top test scores overall** – our students are ranked in the **top 25% in the country**
- ✓ **High-ranking middle school** – our seventh and eighth grades recently scored in the **nation's top 1/5** in reading and math
- ✓ **Continued success** – 99% of our eighth graders are accepted into their **first choice high schools**
- ✓ **Small class sizes** – average student-teacher ratio of **12 to 1**
- ✓ **State-of-the-art technology** – new computer lab and smart boards in classrooms
- ✓ **Convenient location** – serving both Baltimore and Harford counties
- ✓ **Accessible** – we currently have openings
- ✓ **Moral values** – students learn to respect themselves and others
- ✓ **Caring, welcoming community** – all faiths are welcome
- ✓ **Affordable** – 2010-2011 tuition of \$5,870 (tuition assistance available)

While we regret the stress the redistricting plans have caused you and your family, I wanted to share an alternative choice and extend an open invitation to your family to visit our exceptional school. To arrange a personal tour, please call me at the school office at (410) 592-9585, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or email me at jdelcher@archbalt.org.

Sincerely,

Jean Delcher

Principal