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A Message to Our Friends and Neighbors,

Recent events have indicated the need for a formal policy to guide access and appropriate uses of the chapel at Pine Mountain Settlement School. Policies regarding the School's buildings and grounds are a responsibility of the School's board of trustees and will be undertaken with regard for the School's inclusive tradition and a mission that serves a diverse constituency. The School's Executive Director and staff are obliged to uphold the Board's policies. The views and inputs of our friends and neighbors, both near and far, on this subject will be solicited by the board of trustees in coming weeks as the board prepares for its fall meeting.

Until this process is completed, and the board completes its work on this important matter, the Executive Committee has approved a moratorium on the chapel's use, with some limited exceptions for events that have already been scheduled by the School's office and for personal prayer and reflection by School staff and registered guests. A copy of the moratorium is attached to this letter.

In the meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding as this process unfolds. The chapel is an integral part of the School's campus. It plays an important role in the Pine Mountain experience for many guests, is a fitting setting for various events, and enhances the programming opportunities for many groups. We intend for this to continue to be the case and that all of our guests at Pine Mountain, whether they are from the Northside, elsewhere in Kentucky or from afar, can feel safe and included in the School's programming on our beautiful campus.

In the Spirit of Pine Mountain,

Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees

ENRICHING LIVES
— AND —
CONNECTING PEOPLE
— SINCE 1913 —

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, recent events have indicated the need for a formal policy to be adopted with respect to the appropriate uses of the chapel.

WHEREAS, this matter is sufficiently important to be considered by the entire membership of the Board of Trustees at its upcoming fall meeting.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee approves a moratorium on use of the chapel through completion of the November 2023 Board of Trustees meeting, subject to the following exceptions:

1. Events that have already been approved and calendared by the School office;
2. Use by school staff or registered event guests for personal prayer and quiet reflection during the School's regular business hours. On request, access for these individuals may be afforded through the School office, subject to the School's schedule and based on the availability of staff.

RESOLVED, that except as provided above, the chapel shall remain locked and not in use during this moratorium.

Adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting on August 30, 2023.