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Dear Catholic Education Colleagues:

I warmly welcome you to the ministry of Catholic Education! No matter what your job responsibility in your school or early childhood center, you will be a "teacher" of the young people you meet each day by the way you live life daily. Pope Paul VI says this in another way: "Students listen more willingly to WITNESSES than to teachers. If they do listen to teachers, it is because they ARE witnesses".

The Catholic dimension of your school/center finds its roots in each individual's commitment to the vocation of being a "minister of faith". The formation of students, particularly through the modeling of Christian values, is integral to your vocation as a Catholic school educator.

This employee handbook contains Diocesan policies and regulations pertaining to all employees of our Catholic schools and centers. These policies outline your rights and the overall expectations and responsibilities that you have as an employee of an educational institution of the Diocese of Jackson.

These policies and regulations have been reviewed, revised and updated by your administrators, the staff of the Office of Catholic Schools and the Diocesan Advisory Council on an ongoing basis because of the constant challenges and issues that continue to be a part of our modern culture. Because of this fact, as Superintendent of Schools, I reserve the right to add or amend these policies as needed. Be assured that you will be notified of any changes or new policies that pertain to you.

Thank you for all that you do in your particular role at your school/center to further the ministry of Catholic education. It is the opportunity to publicly pray and praise our God as a community, as well as, your conscious living out of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, that makes your Catholic school/center unique.

Let us pray for each other as we work with and for the future Christian leaders of tomorrow! May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Sister Deborah
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Superintendent of Schools