



Parent Update

- OLM RELOCATION PROJECT

- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

Greetings OLM community! Today's parent communication will focus on OLM in the news.

We are happy to see stories in both the [Shoreline Times](#) and [New Haven Register](#) about our search for a new home. This publicity will help us get the word out and engage the wider community. One of our parents, Kelly Bee, and Father Stephen did a wonderful job describing our commitment to relocate our school. Additionally, Dale Hoyt, Superintendent of Schools for the Hartford Archdiocese, expressed his confidence that the school would remain open, and urged parents not to pull their children from OLM.

However, the Shoreline Times article contains a significant mischaracterization of events leading up to the non-renewal of the lease that requires clarification.

Statements attributed to Alice Poltorick (Director of Communications for the Sisters of Mercy) claim that lease discussions between the Sisters of Mercy and the pastors of St Margaret and St George were ongoing since 2014. This is not the case. What is being construed as "discussions" was Father Shanley reaching out to the Sisters in 2014, asking them to consider donating or selling the property to us, or offer us a longer term lease. The Sisters declined these options, and extended our lease another year.

This represents the extent of any "discussions" or negotiations.

As Father Stephen correctly states in the article, "We received a letter in December 2015 that indicated that they were not going to continue the lease." At this time, we again asked about purchase of the property, and were simply told that selling the property to us would not fit into their future plans. The board, pastors, and archdiocese immediately began making plans to inform the OLM family so that we could begin charting the course for our future.

We continue to identify all opportunities available and plan to have definitive options soon. We look forward to sharing more news with you on Monday February 8th.

OLM Board, Administrators, and Pastors