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Dear Parents,

Happiness is a matter of choice. Whatever happens, one can choose to be anxious, angry, indifferent, sad or to be happy. Recently, an article in a newspaper triggered a ripple in Good Hope community. One can choose to escape, to defend, but we were delighted to find that the School Supervisor, Sr. Pauline Yuen, promptly chose to tackle the substance of this article head-on. Her email to all school staff members, students and parents was greatly appreciated.

Certainly, we understand parents' concerns. In the past few days, being the members of PTA Executive Committee (PTAEC), we were approached by parents who were anxious to find out more information. To set their, and our own minds, at rest, seven parent PTAEC members therefore met with the School Management on June 18. We are pleased to share with you all that the School Management responded to our request positively. We not only met with Sr Pauline Yuen, Ms Corina Chen, Mr Dominic Lee and Mr Paul Chow, but also Mr Irving Koo Yee Yin, the independent member of the GHS Management Board. They shared with us the challenges that they have been facing in dealing with staff turn-over, and they explained what they have been doing, and plan to do, to maintain a rigorous academic structure whilst developing a professional teaching team.

We greatly valued the openness demonstrated by the School Management, and at the end of the meeting felt obliged to share this with all GHS parents. After all, same for every individual, we know we cannot hope for no obstacle throughout our life, a school is no exception. The key is always how we rise and respond to those challenges in front of us. With their commitment and devotion to the teaching professions, and the openness and support amongst all members of this Good Hope family, we are confident that we are all paving the way to happiness.

We welcome you, our parents, to contact us with concerns that you may still have. In addition we should be happy to again discuss your concerns with the School Management if this is necessary.

Yours faithfully,
Parent Executive Members
Good Hope School Parent-Teacher Association