



To the Trustees of Ursuline Academy, St. Louis  
July 22, 2024

Dear Trustee,

Recently the Ursuline Education Foundation Governance Committee reviewed the self-evaluation of your work as a Board during the 2023-2024 school year. We are grateful for your service as a Trustee, and we are deeply appreciative of your commitment to the mission of Ursuline education in St. Louis.

Those who responded to the evaluation questions expressed a good understanding of their role as Trustees and to commitment to the financial stability of the Academy.

It is understandable that commitment to a Board retreat can be difficult for Trustees who have many other responsibilities. At the same time, it was disappointing that the retreat could not be rescheduled, as these experiences are important not only for formation in the mission of the Academy and to role of a Trustee, but also for building relationships among the Board members.

Another concern was that the Mission Committee seems to be inactive. As the transition to sponsorship by the UEF will take place soon, the role of this committee, which is described in the revised bylaws, is especially important.

We do look forward to the day when we are able to gather for the official ceremony transferring sponsorship to the UEF.

Sincerely,  
UEF Governance Committee  
Thomas E. Merkel, Sister Peggy Moore (chair), Erin Valentine

Cc: John Grimes, UEF Chair  
Sister Ann Barrett, UEF Director