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Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Families

I hope that this message finds you well. This has certainly been a challenging year for many of us and I hope that you have found solace and peace within your school community. The Diocese of Fall River has been committed to providing social and emotional learning support to all of its students for many years. As you know, we have been blessed with the support of a school counselor, Lesley Daponte, in our three New Bedford Schools for much of this year. In this role, Lesley has been instrumental in providing various levels of support to students, families, teachers, and administrators. Although it saddens me to let you know that Lesley will no longer be with us as she pursues an exciting new career opportunity, I am thrilled to share that Lesley has passed on her knowledge of how to care for your schools and children to our new counselor Lacey Jacobson. Lacey is a graduate of the Diocese of Fall River Schools and has been eager to provide Mental Health Supports to our schools. Therefore, as a result of a rather serendipitous turn of events, Lacey will be joining the New Bedford Schools the week following school vacations. We hope that you will view Lacey as the invaluable resource that she is. Lacey has an immense passion for supporting children and families and brings with her a wealth of resources and a profound love for Catholic Education. I invite you to read more about Lacey below.

I hope that you will join me in welcoming Lacey to the team and feel empowered to reach out to her with any questions or concerns!

Thank you and have a blessed day!

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Meet Lacey



Hello! My name is Lacey Jacobsen and I am the new school counselor at All Saints Catholic School, St. James-St. John School and Holy Family Holy Name School. Prior to joining the Fall River Diocese I served as a school counselor in both public and private schools at the elementary and high school levels. I have a bachelor of science in psychology and a master of education in school counseling from George Mason University.

I am very passionate and energetic about my role as school counselor. It is my personal mission to advocate for the social/emotional needs of all of my students, to help students overcome barriers to learning and to provide a child-centered counseling program rooted in the Catholic faith. I look forward to working with your children and getting to know your family. I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful community!