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**MAYOR TIMOTHY J LOWERY'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE UNFORTUNATE
CLOSING OF TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

I am saddened upon hearing the news about Trinity Catholic High School closing its doors at the end of 2020-2021 school year. Trinity High School has been a permanent fixture in North County for as long as I can remember.

I recall in the early 2000s my father who was then Mayor met with the Archbishop and members of the Archdiocese to try and come up with a solution to keep the Aquinas- Mercy High School open in Florissant. The location of the school in Florissant was important and that it would provide a long-term solution with a catholic educational option for the young kids in North County and the surrounding area.

I remember that eventually the decision was made in 2002 to merge St. Thomas Aquinas-Mercy and Rosary High School beginning with the 2003-'04 school year. It was determined that both schools would close and Trinity Catholic High School would open in the fall of 2003 on the former Rosary campus.

When I became Mayor in 2019, I knew the importance of keeping a catholic education an option in North County as well and I had a meeting with members of the Archdiocese to discuss the future of that education and why it was very important.

For almost two decades Trinity Catholic High School has lived up to its rich history by providing the young men and women of North County and the surrounding areas a quality, college preparatory education.