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*Headmaster*

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Dear Poly Alumni:

I am writing to you, with great sadness, concerning a subject that, tragically, all of us have read and heard about with increasing frequency -- the sexual abuse of children. Unfortunately, we have recently received credible allegations that such abuse occurred at Poly Prep more than twenty years ago by a faculty member/coach, who is now deceased. I felt that it was important that you, the alumni of the School, know about these allegations. Furthermore, I invite you to offer whatever comments or help you can as we move forward. We will be guided in our actions by what we believe is in the best interest of our entire community and, in particular, our students, both past and present.

Last spring and then again in the middle of the summer, two Poly graduates informed me, independently, that they were the victims of sexual abuse by the aforementioned individual. I took these allegations extremely seriously and immediately informed the entire Board of Trustees. The Board agreed to conduct an investigation, which is ongoing, and authorized the sending of this letter to all alumni and a modified version to our present parents.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees and I have engaged outside consultants and have reviewed the experiences of other schools to guide us at this point. If you have any information or concern regarding sexual misconduct that may have occurred while you were a student at Poly Prep, I would personally welcome your call at school 718-836-9800, Ext. 311, at home 718-222-8848, or by e-mail, [dharmman@polyprep.org](mailto:dharmman@polyprep.org). The school has retained a nationally known psychiatrist in the area of sexual abuse, Dr. Stuart Grassian. If you were the victim of any sexual misconduct that occurred at Poly Prep, you may choose to speak directly and confidentially to Dr. Grassian at 617-244-3315. No personal information disclosed to Dr. Grassian will be shared with the school, unless permission is granted.

Angered and saddened as I am to hear such allegations, I want to assure the alumni

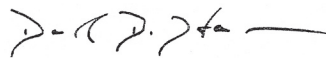
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body that our top priority at the School is to ensure the safety and well being of all of our students. Well before my time, steps were taken to include sexual harassment policies and procedures in our handbooks and implement educational workshops on this subject to inform both students and faculty. Also, we now have a highly competent clinical psychologist working at the school, who is readily available to students, faculty, and parents. We are continually in the process of thoroughly reviewing all of our policies and procedures on sexual harassment and abuse and, where appropriate and necessary, we will make further improvements.

Finally, I want to state emphatically our firm intention to address this subject on a foundation of trust and compassion. These are qualities that we try to inculcate in our students everyday and are central to the mission of Poly Prep. I welcome your response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Harman", followed by a horizontal line.

David Harman