

## Quincy Catholic Schools Board Update

The mission of the Quincy Catholic School system is to form the next generation of Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, in communion with families and parishes, through spiritual growth and academic excellence.

## March 2024

## Strategic Plan

The development of a strategic plan continues to be the primary focus for the \*Provisional Advisory and \*\*Corporate Boards.

A two-day, goal setting retreat is scheduled for late April where stakeholders from across the system representing all parishes, schools, and groups (parents, grandparents, educators, administrators, parishioners) will discuss gathered data and information and form strategic goals to guide the school system for the next three years.

The results of the recent community survey will be an integral piece of the gathered information and data the retreat participants will review and utilize throughout the process. Nearly 500 community members responded to the survey. From that survey, there were several consistent themes that immerged.

- Increased focus on Catholic Identity
- Additional support services for students
- Affordable tuition
- Facility maintenance as well as the need for additional space specifically for athletics and fine arts
- Strengthened enrollment
- · Other highlights:
  - o Families believe we have a strong administration, faculty, and staff
  - There is a great sense of pride in each school
  - o Faith, the community, and teachers are some of the top strengths of our school system

The strategic plan should be approximately 90% complete at the end of the two days. The next steps will be for the two advisory boards will review, make any necessary adjustments, and present a final draft to the Diocese of Springfield for approval. The anticipated completion date is June. Once finalized, it will be shared with the community.

## 2024-2025 School Year

Enrollment for the upcoming school year is open. The four buildings - Blessed Sacrament, St. Dominic, St. Francis, and St. Peter - will continue to offer pre-K through 8th grade classes.

The boards continue to evaluate multiple options for the system's building structure in the future. The goals established in the strategic plan will be integral to those discussions and decisions.

\*The Provisional Advisory Board is comprised of two representatives from each parish/school, one representative from the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, and one representative from Quincy Notre Dame.

\*\*The Provisional Corporate Board is comprised of the four pastors and a representative from the Bishop's Office.