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*Department of Catholic Education*

April 30, 2020

Re: Cognia Re-Accreditation

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Good wishes are extended to you and your loved ones as we navigate and adjust to life's changes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As remote learning continues, educators continue to assess current practices and gain insights into areas for growth and responsiveness in an ever-changing environment. Each of our Catholic schools are taking part in a five year review for re-accreditation to assess progress, to establish new goals, with the focus on continued student learning and growth. The Cognia re-accreditation process involves all elementary and secondary schools in ongoing continuous improvement.

Your child's principal will send an invitation to participate in two (2) online surveys next week. It would be most appreciated if you would complete them and then return the online surveys between **May 6** and **May 15**.

Surveys are a means to systematically engage all stakeholders in two-way communication. They provide school leaders and teachers with a lens into the thinking and perceptions of our stakeholders. Careful analysis of the results enriches understanding of areas of strength and effectiveness as well as those areas that may need more development.

The survey results will enable our school leaders to measure stakeholders' perceptions and help target improvement strategies focused on student achievement as well as school and system effectiveness. Taking the survey will also help stakeholders understand the Cognia Standards for Quality Schools.

Please join administrators and educators in envisioning learning opportunities for all students. Your cooperation and support in completing the surveys is greatly appreciated. Thank you for completing and returning the surveys within the allotted timeframe so that your voice will be part of the continuous improvement for our Catholic schools.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Tier  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools