



ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

February 22, 2021

To: Catholic School Families
Re: Denver Metro Area High School Survey

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese have a rich and successful history among the faithful in not just teaching, but actively evangelizing young people to live as faith-filled Catholics and Christians. The Archdiocese has much to be proud of as its schools and those who serve in them are deeply committed to living and sharing the Gospel message and instilling that message in the students filling their classrooms. While the Archdiocese has outstanding schools, there is more we hope to do to meet what appears to be a growing demand.

For some time, parents in various parts of the Archdiocese have been inquiring about the possibility of a new Catholic high school for their children, and the growth in our Catholic population in some areas is prompting archdiocesan leaders to consider new opportunities. As a result, new efforts are being initiated to explore the potential for growing, expanding and sustaining Catholic school education in our archdiocese.

The Office of Catholic Schools began several new initiatives as part of Archbishop Aquila's "Year of Discernment" including a comprehensive data study for our schools. Changes or shifts in population, local economies, a new interest level among parents and other factors warrant consideration for study at the present time.

The first of two surveys we will be sending you is a high school feasibility study for the central corridor of Denver. This survey is being facilitated in collaboration with Meitler, the nationally known planning firm serving Catholic schools and parishes throughout the country. You may find the link to this survey [HERE](#). The short window of this survey is **February 22 – March 4**. Please consider taking this survey as we truly value your input. This survey will also aid the continued renewal and growth of the mission of Bishop Machebeuf High School.

The second study will be an even more comprehensive look at the state of all of our Catholic schools across the archdiocese. That will be coming to you in March. When these surveys have been compiled, and the data has been thoroughly analyzed, final reports will be presented to the Archbishop and the Office of Catholic Schools, then distributed to parish and school leaders.

Our deepest appreciation to you for your participation in these surveys. It is our mission to see where the Lord is inviting us to go with our schools. Your valuable feedback will help inform our decisions.

In Christ,

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