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We are pleased to inform you a new Five Year Plan has been submitted by the School Advisory Board (SAB) and accepted by the school administration in the fall of 2009. It will serve as our platform for improvements over the next several years. The document is a dynamic plan, one that will continue to evolve as the environment around us changes. Many of the suggestions in the plan have already been implemented or are in the process of being executed. The complete document is on file in the principal's office.

Allow us to share some background information on how the new Five Year Plan developed. In the fall of 2007, the SAB started by reviewing the previous plan, as well as data and surveys from previous years. We also reviewed, *Genesis: A New Beginning for Catholic Schools* from the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Catholic Schools as a framework for the new plan. Genesis has three main components: Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, and School Vitality. It provides goals and objectives for Catholic schools to remain vital in the future. Each year, the school creates its School Improvement Plan (SIP) objectives aligned to the Genesis plan.

In the fall and winter of 2007-2008, the SAB met during regular and special sessions to identify the high-level focused areas for the new plan. This resulted in identifying four major areas to concentrate on. These areas and their respective chairs, SAB members, were:

- Technology (Anne Firestone)
- Student Recruit/Retain/Enrichment (Katie Cox and Janet Lynch)
- Finance (Bert Weigel)
- Facilities (Jeff Scardami)

In the spring of 2008, a call to form planning committees was made. Each chair then assembled committees comprised of OLW parents, teachers, and administrators. These committees met to develop the goals and objectives that could be reviewed and implemented over the next several years. The final plan is the products of countless hours of data analysis, meetings, formatting, and refinements by each of these committees. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this initial planning phase and we look forward to seeing the objectives of these plans realized in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Fialkowski
Pastor

Mr. David Wood
Principal

Doug Hamilton
Past SAB Chair
2007-2009

Tom Aichele
SAB Chair
2009-2010