

Kenosha Catholic Schools Alliance Communication Number 3

KENOSHA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALLIANCE (KCSA)

Ensuring that excellent Catholic education will continue to be accessible, sustainable, and viable for all members of the Kenosha community who desire it well into a future beyond our own.

The important work of the Kenosha Catholic Schools Alliance continues. On January 14, the KCSA Steering Committee gathered with pastors and members of the three Core Committees. In an encouraging and inspiring video, Archbishop Jerome ListECKI thanked all committee members, blessed the work of the KCSA, and underscored the vital impact of Catholic education on students, families, our community and the world. Click [here](#) to watch the video. Noting that this Alliance is neither a merger nor consolidation of the schools, the Archbishop stated that this Alliance is dedicated to grow and strengthen both All Saints Catholic School and St. Joseph Catholic Academy. The work of the KCSA will honor and protect the history, culture, identity, educational structure and vibrancy of each school by adhering to the guiding principles. A list of all Steering and Core Committee members, the five opportunities for a Catholic school network, and the guiding principles are included in the attached FAQs.

With that reassurance, the Committees are prepared to meet their assigned tasks and goals:

- **The Mission and Governance Core Committee**, chaired by Mark Naidicz, will research and propose a guiding vision and mission for all Catholic schools in Kenosha and an appropriate governance structure to implement the vision and mission in the years to come.
- **The Finance Core Committee**, chaired by John Higgins, will develop a 3-to-5-year business plan to support the vision, mission, and governance structure proposed by the Mission and Governance Core Committee.
- **The Communications Core Committee**, chaired by Laurie McKeon, will develop and implement a guiding strategy to ensure accurate and transparent two-way communication between the KCSA and all constituencies.

Each committee will be conducting research, benchmarking and developing recommendations over the next few months as part of the research and development plan phase (January through April 30, 2021). Throughout this phase, committees will seek input, feedback, insights and opinions of the entire community through surveys, focus groups and other platforms. School employees and boards were surveyed in January and the Committees are currently reviewing the results. Compiled results of that survey and future surveys, along with Committee progress will be shared in the monthly update communication.

As the Core Committees continue their work, we ask for your patience, for your collective good will, and especially for your prayers. Planning for the future of our Catholic schools requires the commitment and support of not only those closely involved with the KCSA, but also from our entire Catholic school and parish communities. As Archbishop ListECKI reminds us in his video, we are all Better Together.

Questions, ideas and suggestions can be submitted to Kenoshacatholicschoolsalliance@gmail.com. A member of the Steering Committee will respond to you, although some questions may be answered in the FAQ document.

In Christ,
Kenosha Catholic Schools Alliance