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A new name and logo as we journey together in the new frontier!

**Catholic Education Collaborative (CEC)
Uniting Communities for Excellence**

Transition Advisory Board

Members of the Advisory Board have been hard at work to advance the infrastructure in the commencement of the CEC. The Code of Regulations is approved to establish the Board of Trustees for the CEC. Recruitment for trustees is in process with a goal to have the Board of Trustees established by November 1, 2007. Thank you!

Sr. Carol Bauer, SC

Paul Beyerle

Fr. David Brinkmoeller, dean

Bro. Ray Fitz, SM, chair

Franz Hoge

Fr. Paul Marshall, SM

Fr. Stretch Mierenfeld

Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS

Dave Ramey, consultant

The Advisory Board has also established Performance Measures which will be communicated to highlight achievements.

Staff

The Archdiocese and the CEC have developed a way to clearly cooperate: an integrated staff that will continue the work and service of the Catholic School Office and provide the additional services of the CEC. Anne Battes will serve as the CSO's deputy superintendent and the CEC's President. Toni Moore will be the office's assistant superintendent and the CEC's Director of Professional Development. A Director of Finance and Accounting will serve fulltime for the CEC; this person is now hired and an announcement will be made soon.

Member Schools

A Member School Task Force has been established to develop the model for Member Schools in the future. Members include principals, pastors, finance committee members, business managers, education commissions, pastoral councils and CSO; representing the various geographical areas of the deanery. This model will help guide the CEC and the local level in making decisions.

Budgets

The financial review is complete for years 2008-2012. Meetings to communicate the information and provide parishes/schools with copies of the budgets will be held at Trinity Center in October. One meeting will be held for all Schools and Parishes who are considered Partners for 2008-09, one for Partner Schools who are considering Member status and one for high schools. Please note dates:

Partners Meeting

Tuesday October 2 1:30-3:30pm

Partner Schools considering Member Status

Thursday October 4 2:30-4:30pm

High Schools

Wednesday October 17 1:30-3:30pm

Pastors, principals, presidents and business managers are invited to attend the appropriate meeting describing their status. Much appreciation goes to the Financial Review Team for their hard work, critical thinking and discerning all the numbers. Our gratitude is extended to Byron Kentner of Kentner/Sellers and to Joe Hurr, business manager at Precious Blood.

Commitment Timeline

In listening to you, our Partners, please note that the original October timeline regarding local commitment for future years has been extended.

- Extend deadline to December 15, 2007
- Commit for one more year to participate in CEC rather than declare long-term intent
- Establish the Vendor Savings Program as soon as possible

We are all anxious to start receiving benefits from the Vendor Savings Program. We are working with various vendors to establish initial relationships. This program will be formalized by the Director of Finance and Accounting. Savings are coming! Once the program begins, each parish and school will be invoiced their Partner fees.

Communications

Look what's coming from your local CEC!

- Press Conference October 1
- Website www.cecdayton.org
Under Construction!
- Email for CEC
- Fact Sheet

Professional Development

Thank you, principals, for completing the staff information and professional development questionnaire. This will assist the CEC in planning as well as developing a data base for communications.

Closing thought . . .

As we enter this journey together, there will be questions unanswered and a landscape waiting to be discovered. Trust and open dialogue to forge the path ahead relies on each one of us working and planning together. We are so grateful for each of you and your willingness to risk this opportunity ripe with promise for our children, families, ministries, staffs and the Church in the Dayton Deanery.

In thanksgiving we pray . . .

MY LORD GOD,

*I have no idea where I am going. I do not see
the road ahead of me.*

*I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,*

*and the fact that I think that I am following your
will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.*

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

*I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.*

*And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the
right road though I may know nothing about it.*

Therefore I will trust you always.

THOMAS MERTON
-Thoughts in Solitude

Mission of Catholic Schools in the Dayton Deanery

The Catholic Schools of the Dayton Deanery are welcoming communities integrating excellence in learning with Catholic faith formation.