



QUINCY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD UPDATE

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Community Update

Since our last update in December, the Provisional Advisory Board has remained focused on building a strong and sustainable future for Quincy Catholic Schools. One of our primary areas of work has been implementing the strategic plan adopted last spring. Committees have begun meeting regularly to address the key objectives outlined in the plan, which center on strengthening Catholic identity, enhancing academics, increasing enrollment, and ensuring long-term sustainability. You can view the Strategic Plan [here](#).

A core purpose of the Provisional Advisory Board is to guide the unification of our four elementary schools into one strong, sustainable system. That work began with the hiring of Dr. Chris Gill as Chief Administrative Leader. Continued work in this area aims to reduce the duplication of efforts across individual schools, increase efficiency, and allow for better use of resources—ultimately saving money and improving support for students, staff, and families. In addition to advancing unification efforts, the board has continued to evaluate our facilities. The feedback received during last fall's sharing sessions has played a significant role in shaping our conversations around both unification and determining the best facility model to support it. A subgroup of the board continues to meet regularly to evaluate those options.

This summer, the board will host a series of focus groups as the next public step in the process. These sessions will include school staff, school parents, parishioners, and individuals who responded to last fall's survey. Participants will receive updates on unification efforts and be invited to provide feedback on potential facility plans. This input will help guide the board as we work toward a revised proposal for the community's review.



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We are also pleased to welcome two new members to the Provisional Advisory Board: Lauren Cornell (St. Peter) and Alexis Darnell (St. Francis). We extend our heartfelt thanks to Erin Frazier and Amy Siebers for their years of dedication and leadership.

The board remains committed to addressing the challenges facing our Catholic schools—stagnant enrollment, inconsistent academic offerings, financial pressures, and staff recruitment and retention. The work being done through the strategic plan and unification process is critical to the long-term strength and success of Quincy Catholic Schools. We're deeply grateful for your continued engagement and support. With your prayers and participation, we are moving toward a vibrant future for Catholic education in our community.

Your continued input in this process is welcome. Dr. Chris Gill can be reached at dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org or (217) 222-2898 x105.

Finally, mark your calendar for the annual city-wide Mass, taking place the morning of September 23 at Quincy Notre Dame. Students from all five Quincy Catholic schools, along with students from St. Mary's in Mt. Sterling, will come together to celebrate Mass with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, joined by our local priests and deacons. We warmly invite you to join us for this special celebration of faith and community.