

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What you have before you are the culmination of countless hours of thoughtful discussion and diligent analyses. When we spoke of having a committee strategically plan for our school's future, we were confident that those who took on this assignment would take great care in their endeavor. These trusted and respected volunteers have immense talent, enthusiasm, and most importantly, commitment to STM. Each was there because they believe in parochial education and that our best days lie ahead. They believe that our foundation set more than 75 years ago is strong, providing a base from which our students can springboard to leadership roles in our society and our Church.

We are grateful to everyone who assisted with this task. Thank you to Assistant Principal Nelda Thomas for her consistent dedication to her students. Our consultants, Dr. Regina Haney and Mr. Daniel Curtin guided the Strategic Planning Committee through many months and many documents. We owe a special thanks to the Office of Catholic Schools for the Arlington Diocese, who supported this project from its inception with valuable data. We are also indebted to our staff, who provided information and analyses to our three committees: Mrs. Christine Hughes, Ms. Maria Stillone, Mrs. Jennifer McDermitt, Mr. Rob Rossi, and Mrs. Beth Blaine. We must also mention the assistance given by our former Business Manager, Mr. Steve Schemmel, who passed away in January. To our faculty, your creativity, steadfastness, education, and flexibility are shining examples of faith coupled with skill. To our students and their families: this plan is for you and for all those who will follow in your footsteps. Thank you for placing your trust in us.

This plan is a blueprint for what we can become. It is our promise to future generations that we will not rest, that we will continue to bring MORE to ensure the best educational and formational experience to our students. They are our most precious gift and our greatest responsibility.

We hope that you will come away with the same thoughts we had when we finished reading this plan: The Cathedral School of St. Thomas More is one of the best in the diocese now; this plan takes us beyond even greater heights. May God continue to bless our students, their families and our School and Parish.

In Christ,

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