



OCTOBER MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CVCS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools' leadership continues work to create a long range sustainability plan for the system. The CVCS Finance Committee and Board have identified key areas that need to be addressed for the system to remain sustainable into the future, including: retaining quality teachers and staff, minimizing tuition increases, advocating for STO, and decreasing subsidy expectations for the supporting parishes. The long-term vision of CVCS providing a quality, Catholic education in the Cedar Valley, supported in a multi-parish system, while being financially sustainable continues to guide these discussions.

Moving away from three elementary schools to one or two locations has been a consideration for the long range plan. At the October 4th Board Meeting, the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools Board reviewed four options for reducing the number of buildings in use. At this meeting, the Board narrowed the options down to two plans that they want to explore further and gain input on from the CVCS community.

Options for consideration:

Option A: Daycare, 3 year old preschool, 4 year old preschool, and kindergarten through grade 5 located in the Blessed Sacrament building. Daycare, 3 year old preschool, 4 year old preschool, and kindergarten through grade 5 located in the St. Edward building. Grades 6-8 located in the Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta building. Grades 9-12 located in the Columbus Catholic building.

Option B: Daycare, 3 year old preschool, 4 year old preschool, and kindergarten located in the Blessed Sacrament building. Daycare and grades 1-5 located in the St. Edward building. Grades 6-8 located in the Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta building. Grades 9-12 located in the Columbus Catholic building.

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools has scheduled meetings at each of the elementary schools in October to gather feedback from parents and stakeholders that the Board can consider as they explore these two plans for future reorganization of the buildings. A Board work session has been scheduled to review the feedback that is gathered. The Board will then decide on next steps in the process at the November Board meeting.

Parents and parishioners are encouraged to attend one of the meetings scheduled at the elementary schools. The long-term vision of CVCS providing a quality, Catholic Education in the Cedar Valley while being financially sustainable will be the guide for these discussions.

October Meeting Schedule

- October 18, 2018-Blessed Sacrament School-Parish Center-6:30pm-8pm
- October 21, 2018-Sacred Heart School-school gymnasium-12pm-1:30pm
- October 24, 2018-St. Edward School-school gymnasium-6pm-7:30pm
- October 30, 2018-Board Work Session-BMAP Art Room-6pm-8pm
- November 8, 2018-CVCS Board Meeting-BMAP Commons-5:30pm