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Dear Parent,

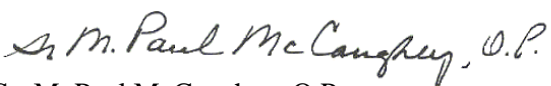
May all the good you do return to you, now and in the future, for the investment you are making in the education of your child. The schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago in Cook and Lake Counties are committed to partnering with you to build communities of faith, focus, and achievement to serve the future of our Church and our world. Parents provide, on average, 85% of the financial support of Catholic Schools. Our shared expectations for academic excellence and Christian service are what differentiate our schools from all other choices you have for your child.

As the time for final registration approaches, we remain grateful for your investment. The schools, if considered as a system, have an ebb and flow of growth. At least six of our 255 schools need expansion and are planning building projects; others, faced with the decline of the number of parishioners and students, face the painful process of reducing staff. Most schools fall in the middle – able to sustain current enrollment because of strong programs, supportive parishes, and engaged parents, alumni, and members of the business community. No matter where your school falls on this spectrum, we are encouraging principals and their boards to be both creative and transparent.

No schools will close this year. However, there will be some changes in configuration and governance for several schools. The vision that drives us is “more kids in great Catholic Schools.” Early in May, our principals attended a leadership meeting that spelled out both challenges and opportunities. We continue to plan for schools to serve our young people with joy and energy – schools that are Catholic, academic, and vital.

May God bless you. We continue to hold your trust in the highest regard as we work together to love and teach our children.

All Blessing,


Sr. M. Paul McCaughey, O.P.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools