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IV. Perceptions

School Improvement

The Holy Cross School Improvement Team was formed to create and evaluate the progress of the school improvement plan. School improvement plans are developed to ensure that all learners realize their potential and that growth at the school level is continuous. As a Consortium school, Holy Cross is a Nebraska accredited school was recommended for AdvancEd Accreditation in March of 2017 (Accreditation will be given in the summer of 2017).

School Improvement Team Members

Chair: Mrs. Nelson Members: Susanna Henkel(Middle School), Angie Cunningham (2nd grade), Mary Jo Bassett (1st grade), Cecelia Crown (3rd grade), Theresa Wiehl (3rd grade)

AdvancEd Accreditation Results

A team of four educators spent over 25 school hours in our building, and many hours prior to their visit, looking at Holy Cross in relation to five standards: purpose and direction, governance and leadership, teaching and learning, resources and support systems, and continuous improvement.

Powerful Practices (those practices that were noted as strengths by all stakeholders):

- *The faith-filled culture of the school contributes to strengthening the learning environment and commitment to serving others.
- *The building principal has promoted innovation and growth among staff; communicated effectively with parents and community; and has developed a strong sense of community and pride among all stakeholders.

Opportunities for Improvement (practices to consider in planing for future growth):

- *Evaluate current professional development practices to determine priorities which build teacher capacity.
- *Engage students in the use of technology to differentiate and individualize their instruction.

Improvement Priority (area of growth requiring action):

- *Initiate professional development to support analyzing data and using that data to support instructional practices.



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AdvancEd promotes continuous improvement. This is what makes accreditation by this organization so strong. Rather than plan for a visit and then go back to status quo, organizations who elect to be part of the network and who are accepted as accredited must align to the belief that growth is ongoing. Holy Cross has two years to act on our Improvement Priority. We will be required to report our growth in that area to AdvancEd at the end of that period. We look forward to the process and know that we will continue to grow and become an even stronger school.

Parent Committees

Opportunities for parent volunteerism include: Holy Cross Parish events (Irish Festival and Gaelic Gala, parish committees, etc), Booster Club Events (Golf tournament, coaching, concession stands, gate, basketball tournaments, etc), Home and School Events (room parents, First Communion committee, Graduation committee, lunchroom volunteer, Godfather's volunteer, Square 1 Art parent coordinator, uniform closet organizer, open house, box top help, magazine drive, Spooktacular Halloween party, used book sale, Teacher appreciation week, etc)

Parent/Community Volunteerism in the School

Over 9100 volunteer hours logged by Holy Cross families during the 2016-2017 school year to support the Holy Cross community.

Athletic Committee

CYSL Soccer – 285 Student Athletes / 42 Volunteer Coaches (This is the Spring session and Fall session combined along with our “In-House” Micro Soccer)

PAL & CYO Basketball – 123 Student Athletes / 13 Volunteer Coaches

PAL Baseball & Softball – 80 Student Athletes / 16 Volunteer Coaches

PAL Volleyball – 53 Student Athletes / 12 Volunteer Coaches