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Our New Regional School

What is the time line for the new Regional School?

As was presented to each of the four parish Education, Finance and Pastoral Councils, the Steering Committee envisions the new Regional School to be in place for the school year 2008 – 2009. The committee is meeting monthly to work out the details. An update session will be held in mid-September for interested families. The date for the open session will be announced after the August 7 Steering Committee meeting.

Questions continue to come in concerning a local newspaper report about a “neutral” site for the new Regional School.

As we reported in the June C.A.R.E. News, the report in the local paper was in error and has been retracted. We will not be building a new school, but rather using buildings that already exist. We would like to add that the Steering Committee never considered such an option. The local paper report was based on a comment made by an Archdiocesan official not involved in this planning process.

How will the campuses be divided, by grade or location? What are the deciding factors used to determine what locations will be used? Will there be bus service?

The Facilities Ad Hoc Committee presented a preliminary analysis of the four parish school buildings. The Steering Committee is reviewing that report and will deliberate on the recommendations of the ad hoc committee at its August 7 meeting. The basic decision will be based on what will be the best facilities to provide the best service for our children’s education. No decision has been made as yet about how the campuses will be divided. We assume that there will be bus service no matter what campuses are determined. Again, those details have to be worked out.

Is there concern that final decisions are not being made until the end of 2007 and the new Regional School is to be up and running by Fall, 2008?

Yes, we understand the concern. We are working on the details and are confident that pending Archdiocesan approval, we will be ready to start the new Regional School for the school year 2008 –2009.