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What's Happening?

At the school:

During the months of November and December the school-level internal coordinators are working with their planning teams to review and revise the school-level self-study. These self-studies are due to the diocesan internal coordinators by January 8th.

The diocesan-wide planning team and the diocesan internal coordinators are developing the six-year Plan for Growth and Improvement. The diocesan-level self-study is also being written.

The value of the Middle States accreditation process:

For our accreditation process with the Middle States Association, we are using the Achieving Excellence System-Wide protocol. This protocol provides the framework for aligning all the work of the schools/school systems and the Catholic Schools Office to ensure that everyone's efforts are coordinated and focused on achieving the mission.

This process will accomplish the following:

- Development of a sense of community and common purpose among the schools in the Diocese of Erie.
- A Plan for Growth and Improvement in student performance to produce the levels of student performance expected by the schools, parents and the community.
- Greater cooperation between all the schools in identifying and implementing practices that have been demonstrated to lead to excellence in student performance and the organization's capacity to create an environment that will lead to student success.

Assessment Strategies

1. Establish school-level data teams
2. Use data dashboards as an indicator for school success
3. Develop competency in leaders to foster accountability in creating a culture of data usage.
4. Have diocesan-wide assessment tools that accurately reflect student growth
5. Strengthen classroom assessments to determine mastery at a deep level.



