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Three goals set for the 7-year Plan for Growth and Improvement:

System Student Performance Objective #1: Mathematics

By 2027, each school's Mathematics program will be at a level where students are making at minimum one year's worth of growth or be at benchmark for their grade level.

System Organizational Capacity Objective #1: Assessments

By 2027, there will be a culture in all schools that values and uses assessments as an interwoven component of the educational program along with curriculum and instruction.

System Organizational Capacity Objective #2: Governance

By 2027, the governance and leadership in the Catholic Schools Office and at all schools within the diocese will provide consistent and effective school operations that are mission driven.



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Schools:

1. Work with Kim Lytle/Gina Brennan to finalize the school-level self-study.
2. Inform parents about the Middle States re-accreditation process and the three goals.
3. Once the school-level self-study is finalized have staff become familiar with the document.

All Employees:

1. Become familiar with the diocesan mission statement, belief statement and profile of the graduate.
2. Assist students in knowing and understanding the school's mission statement, as appropriate.
3. Have the school's mission statement placed in all rooms.



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4 months and counting!

Visiting Teams will arrive in the Diocese of Erie on April 27th and depart on April 30th.

There will be a total of ten people coming to visit.

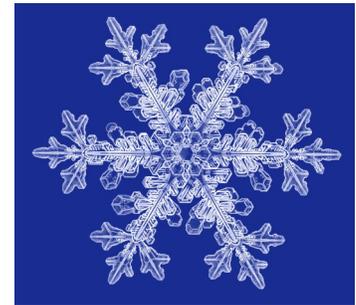
Most school teams will consist of two people and will spend half a day at each school.

Ways to get students engaged with the mission statement of the school

1. Write a class mission statement.
2. Provide students different phrases from the mission statement and have them create posters that display how the phrase is occurring at the school.
3. Hand groups of students the words from the mission statement that they need to put in proper order
4. Give students a clock template and have them section it into hours of the school day.

For each section, students could draw a scene from that time of day that exemplifies the mission of the school.

6. Translate the mission statement into other languages.
7. Compare the school's mission statement to other schools in the geographical area or in other states.



Ways to engage parents with the Middle States accreditation process

1. Create a flyer or devote a section of your regular parent communication to keep parents updated on the accreditation process.
2. Use your social media to share survey responses, data collected, and planning objectives.
3. Ask a group of parents to review the school's self-study document when completed.
4. Design a mission statement activity for parents and students to complete at home, such as Word Search, Fill in the Blank, or a poster representing aspects of the mission.
5. Invite parents to write a letter of appreciation for what the school has provided their child. Display these letters when the visiting team comes.