

Cluster 28 Transition Committee

One of our first important insights in thinking about the process of clustering was to recognize the integral importance of St. Brigid School to the cluster. Hence, we have included representatives from the school as members of the transition committee, and in our thinking and planning, we consider the school as an institution of equal importance to the three parishes. As American Catholics, we know the importance of parochial schools to the growth of our Church in this nation; and in that light, we understand the responsibility we have to support Catholic education in our own day, lest they be lost to us. One way our support in this cluster is enshrined is in the financial subsidy that the parishes generously provide for St. Brigid School - \$190,000 in this current fiscal year.

But St. Brigid is precious to us for more tangible reasons than that of fulfilling our obligation as Catholics to support Catholic education. Because of its commitment to the children and families of our parishes, St. Brigid School is central to the life of our cluster. It is not only the sign of our hope for the future of our Church, but also the means whereby we build that future through the education of children and their families. In this busy and often crazy world we live in, the school is our best resource for gathering families into the life of our Church, our parishes, our cluster community. Without this school in our midst, we would be all the more vulnerable to the many forces around us that seek to scatter us. Thus we strongly affirm our determined commitment to our school in this clustering process. The investment of all the resources we can muster in support of St. Brigid represents the best investment in our future that we can make.

As always, we pledge to communicate with you in a regular and transparent manner about our planning. We will utilize the bulletin, school news notes/letter, and websites as the first means of this communication. If at any time you have input you wish to share, please feel free to speak with one of the committee members – you can call your parish or school office for contact information. Please continue to keep us and this process in your prayers.