



Saint Gabriel
Consolidated School

*SGCS 21:
A Quality Learning Place
for the 21st Century*

April 11, 2010

Dear Parents,

For the past several months, the parent representatives of the School's Academic Commission have been working on a strategic planning process titled, *SGCS 21: A Quality Learning Place for the 21st Century*.

On November 16th, we presented our interim report to the four pastors that oversee the consolidated school. The summary conclusion finds that the conditions are in place to invest in the growth and future of the Catholic Christian community associated with SGCS. It is time to seek the highest level educational outcomes possible through a holistic re-visioning of how resources and space can be used for the overall academic excellence of our students. (*The interim report can be found on school's website and we encourage you to read through its brief presentation*).

Our goal is to provide the pastors and principal with a complete formal assessment upon which to plan comprehensively for the future of St. Gabriel Consolidated School.

The next critical step in order to make formal recommendations to the pastors and principal is to commission a Facility Assessment Master Plan Feasibility Study. All of the pastors have met and have approved a solicitation of funds in order to support an architectural study tied to strategic planning objectives. We will contract with Michael Schuster & Associates (Archdiocesan approved), who have successfully completed such planning for other Catholic Schools, including recently Nativity and St. Susanna. This study will cost \$19,500 and must be funded through a combination of school capital improvement monies, parish contributions and a critical third component—school fund-raising that will reveal the reservoir of parent support.

We, therefore, write to you to request that each family at St. Gabriel provide some donation so that this study can move forward. We are fully aware that you are asked during the year to extend the spirit of Christ through fund-raising and charitable giving. We do not dismiss the burden this creates lightly.

However, this is potentially a historic opportunity to set our school on a new path for the 21st Century and make a lasting difference for generations. This study will form a recommendation to the pastors; we truly believe that a step forward not taken today will, by tomorrow, be a step backward.

Our goal is 100% participation so that we can actually manifest the vibrancy and dedication that we all know and feel exists around our school. We can pay for the study, if the average donation is \$45 per family. We ask that you provide support at a level of comfort for you, even if this is above or below our \$45 goal, since revealing broad support is an important element in this assessment. This is a tax deductible charitable gift and you will receive a letter for your accounting. Can you set aside \$10 per week for the next four and half weeks? This will make all the difference in the world.

We also understand that for families in middle school grades, you may feel this is an outcome from which your own children may not benefit directly. We would urge you to consider this a broader community effort to establish St. Gabriel as a center of Catholic Christian excellence – a legacy that you will be truly a part. Many have talked about these potential improvements for years. Now is the time to position the school to move forward in a desirable direction.

For questions, please feel free to email or call any of the parent representatives (see contact information below). We ask that your support of the master plan feasibility study be sent via check made out to St. Gabriel Consolidated School to the school office in an envelope marked Strategic Plan. The pastors will meet mid-May after this fund-raising period has been completed. We ask, therefore, that you provide support **no later than May 3rd, but as early as possible so we can measure response rate.**

This is an exciting opportunity to make a real and lasting difference. We thank you all for considering our request. We only seek to make St. Gabriel Consolidated School the best that it can be. Collectively, we can make this happen!

Sincerely,

St. Gabriel Academic Commission Parent Representatives
SGCS 21 Leadership Study Team

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Parents from St. Matthias or those not associated with one of the consolidated parishes should feel free to contact any of us listed above.

Please Return As Soon As Possible through the Thursday Envelope.

The _____ family wishes to contribute \$_____ to support the funding of a Facility Assessment Master Plan Feasibility Study as part of the *SGCS 21: A Quality Learning Place for the 21st Century* strategic planning process.

We have enclosed a check made out to: St. Gabriel Consolidated School.

Print Full Name and Date (for tax letter purposes)

*Please return this form to school in an envelope marked Strategic Plan.

You will receive a thank you letter noting your donation, which you can use for Tax purposes.