

May 7, 2013

Re: Nominations for the Archdiocesan School Board

Dear Principals/Pastors:

The success of any organization, including the Church, lies in effective leadership. For that reason, your Archdiocesan School Board sincerely asks your assistance in identifying interested and qualified candidates to fill several open positions on the Board.

The ASB provides advice and counsel to the Superintendent of Schools and works closely with the Superintendent and key stakeholders: the Office for Catholic Schools, the Fulcrum Foundation, pastors and principals of schools, and Chancery Services. More specifically, the Board's responsibilities include:

- Formulating and recommending policies which respond to and reflect the goals of a Catholic education;
- Developing and defining goals as well as long-range plans for the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese;
- Evaluating the conditions of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle to help ensure Catholic identity, academic excellence, accessibility, and wise stewardship, including good governance and best practices;
- Recommending the opening of new schools, the merging of schools, and, as a last resort, the closing of schools;
- Evaluating whether the yearly work of the Board fulfills its Charter to assist the Superintendent.

Interested or nominated parties need to know that the Board meets as a whole for 3 hours each month. Additionally, sub-committees may require an additional 3 hours. A Board position generally consists of a three-year term with an option to renew for a second three-year term.

Please communicate our Board position openings to interested individuals in your community. We also greatly value candidate nominations. Those invited to serve on to the board must receive an endorsement from their respective pastors before being recommended for appointment to the Archbishop. Should you or a candidate have any questions or comments, we would welcome your calls. Please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Sakamoto (ASB Board Chairman) at (206) 329-4347 or Tom Knollmann (ASB Board member) at (206) 659-2762. Attached is the nomination form to use for those interested in joining the Board.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to our Catholic school ministry. We look forward to working with you to strengthen our school system and educate tomorrow's Church leaders.

Sincerely,



Sharon A. Sakamoto
School Board President