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Greetings:

I send this email to you with the hopes that you might find the interest and time to write back and let me know of your willingness to participate in a large committee that will be charged with vetting and recommending one PK – 8 Student Information System for our elementary schools.

In response to our Strategic Plan, “From Strength to Strength”, OCS will be moving toward one student information system for all elementary schools by 2020. This will meet the data management needs of both OCS and the Fulcrum Foundation and allow us to share the good news of our schools more widely.

We hope to form the SIS Committee before school begins so that we can begin meeting shortly after Labor Day. The SIS Committee will be composed of 10 – 15 members, including teachers, I.T. directors, administrators, and office administrative staff. Similar to the process we followed when identifying the standardized student assessment program, we will invite 7 – 10 major vendors (My Students Progress / RenWeb / Option C / PowerSchool / etc.) to the Archdiocese of Seattle to present their software programs to the SIS Committee. Depending on the number of companies we select, we will meet for 1 or 2 days in the early fall for their presentations. Following these initial presentations, we will meet for a day to narrow the list to 3 – 5 companies that will be invited back to Seattle in the winter for a more detailed presentation. From here, the goal of the SIS Committee will be to make a ranked recommendation of the top two companies to the Superintendent of Catholic Schools by March 2017.

Knowing that schools have contracts with software companies they must honor, we are planning for a three year transition process, anticipating all elementary schools will be using the same student information software by 2020.

Would you be interested in serving on this committee?

Do you have a teacher, I.T. Director, or office administrator that might want to serve?

Please complete [this form](#) by **August 1** to indicate your interest in serving on this committee.

Peace and all good things...

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Superintendent