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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the past eighteen months, the faculty and staff of Saint Benedict the Moor School have completed a self study as part of the process for reaccreditation with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The self study looks at many aspects of the school including: philosophy, community, curriculum, leadership, finances and facilities. Each section required that we make an honest evaluation of that area and name our strengths and areas of challenge. We also had to state ways that we would address these challenges.

Upon completion of the self study, the school had to choose two specific areas of improvement which would be addressed over the next three years. A strategic plan has been written for the following goals: (1) to provide opportunities for students to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of the African-American culture, and (2) to improve writing skills and to provide increased opportunities for writing. Details about the self-study and the strategic plan are included in the school's Middle States Self Study book. The book is available at the school for all parents and guardians interested in learning more about our work for reaccreditation.

The next step in the process is for the school to host a peer review committee. The committee will be present at the school from November 14 through November 17. The committee is responsible for holding interviews with the different stakeholders in the school, observing classroom lessons and observing school routines and practices to see if what we said in the self study is reflected in the practices of the schools. At the end of the visit the team will submit a report of their observations. This report is also submitted to the Middle States Commission. The Commission considers the team report and the self study book and then makes a recommendation whether or not to reaccredit the school. The school should have a final decision by May of 2011.

We are grateful to the faculty and staff who have given a great amount of time and consideration to the task of reaccreditation. We are proud of the school and the program we offer and look forward to hosting the visiting team.

We are also grateful to the families who continue to believe in and support our vision of Catholic education. Please hold us in your prayers in a special way during the team's visit in November. If you have any questions about the accreditation or the self study process, please feel free to call Sister Margery or Sister Jean at school.

May God continue to be our strength and our peace.


Sister Margery Kundra


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