Dear Friends,

May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always!

For the past five months I have been meeting regularly with a group of parishioners who are business and community leaders invested in Catholic education. They are not only committed to the sustainability of our schools, but to their expansion, growth, and development. Most of them come from backgrounds in business and have a wealth of experience in management.

While the quality of our academic programs, and the Catholic Identity of our schools reflect our greatest strengths, we see the need for strengthening business and management aspects of our Schools.

Consequently, we have been exploring the formation of some kind of management team.

A management council would *not* be:

A management council would not usurp the role of the School Board which has the development of policy as its mandate.

A management council would not usurp the role of the Finance Council whose mandate is the oversight of parish finances

A management council would not usurp the role of the Principal whose mandate is to ensure quality education.

A management council would not usurp the authority of the Pastor whose mandate is to ensure the Catholicity of our schools.

A management council would not usurp the Bishop's authority or the existing structures of diocesan governance for parish-based schools.

A Management Council would be:

The goal of the Management Council would be to strengthen and enhance our school's mission and effectiveness by providing a robust system of accountability and oversight of school finances, expenditures, tuition, facilities, advancement, fundraising, marketing, public relations, facilities, technology, strategic planning, sports, and administration.

Are we on the right track? We need your input. Please feel free to contact me at <u>frmilton@svdepaul.org</u> or fill out the surveys provided in the gathering space or you may find the survey on the parish website at *www.svdepaul.org*. If you would like return the survey via email, please send it to <u>svdepaul@svdepaul.org</u>.

God Bless you!

Father Milton

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SURVEY

What is your age?

- ◊ 18-29
- ◊ 30-49
- ◊ 50-69
- ◊ 70 & over

During your schooling career, did you attend any of SV schools at any point in time?

- ♦ Yes
- ◊ No

Are you a graduating alumni of St. Vincent?

- ◊ Yes
- ◊ No

How many children do you currently have attending a St. Vincent school?

- ◊ 1
- ♦ 2
- ◊ 3
- ♦ 4
- ◊ 5+

Check all that apply:

- ◊ St. Vincent de Paul High School
- ♦ St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School
- ♦ St. Vincent de Paul Preschool
- ♦ St. Vincent de Paul PSR

Please rate each of these areas at St. Vincent de Paul Schools:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Strongly Dissatisfied
Academics/Music/Etc					
Mass/Sacraments					
Sports/Athletics					
Extracurricular Activities/Clubs					
Quality of Facilities					

A. COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Stongly Disagree
There are positive community perceptions					
about St. Vincent de Paul schools.					
Our schools could do a better job communi-					
cation with our community and with other					
schools in the area					

B. SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Do you feel that our current administrative structure effectively addresses the needs of our schools?

- ♦ Yes
- ◊ No

Would you support the creation of a Management Council as proposed in the chart attached?

- ◊ Yes
- ◊ No

C. COMMENTS (optional)

What are the strengths of our school system

What improvements would you like to suggest

St. Vincent Schools Proposed Operations – Organizational Chart

