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May 22, 2023

Dear Lindsay Holy Family and Humphrey St. Francis School Families,

On May 10th, the United Leadership Team, heard presentations from two consultants interested in facilitating the process and achieve the goal set forth by Archbishop Lucas to combine grades 7-12 of Lindsay Holy Family and Humphrey St. Francis. The United Leadership Team, comprised of representatives from both school communities, selected Mrs. Eva Fujan of FarLogic to manage the project.

Mrs. Fujan founded FarLogic to assist organizations in achieving long term, sustainable planning programs. Since 2014, FarLogic has worked with over 25 schools and parishes in Nebraska and Kansas; to build strategic plans, financial resources and facilities management plans and programs. Most recently she has worked with the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln to do strategic planning programs with schools. Mrs. Fujan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Dana College and a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Archbishop Lucas and the United Leadership Team are aware of discussions about a new gym/community center in Lindsay and discussions about the needs in the current St. Francis Elementary School in Humphrey. These discussions are important considerations that present the opportunity for a third option that was not included in the initial FAQ. This third option allows for the two communities to work together to explore other opportunities to share resources in efforts to combine the two schools, allowing for all viable options to be vetted through the planning process.

Updated three options are:

- 1. Lindsay Holy Family grades 7 12 unite at Humphrey St. Francis. St. Francis' name and branding (school colors, logos, mascot, signage, etc.) are maintained.
- 2. Lindsay Holy Family grades 7-12 unite at Humphrey St. Francis and create a new school name and branding (school colors, logos, mascot, signage, etc.).
- 3. Lindsay Holy Family and Humphrey St. Francis unite by combining resources in a manner that is agreeable to members of both communities.

The time frame is changing to allow more time to fully explore and vet all viable options. Below is the updated timeline.

- Schedule the first meetings with FarLogic and the United Planning Committee for the first week in August 2023
- The United Planning Committee will present its recommended option to Archbishop Lucas by December 1, 2023.
- The planning process focusing on implementing the selected option will occur from January 2024 August 2025.
- Implementation of the united school plan begins with the 2025 26 school year.

The Archdiocese and United Leadership Team are fully committed to unity and have invited members of the Lindsay Independent School and the St. Francis Building Committee efforts to participate in the planning process.

We desire for members of both communities to continue engaging in the process with open minds and hearts.

Sincerely In Christ

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cc: Archbishop Lucas