

**Bishop Baraga Catholic School**  
**Strategic Planning Committee**  
**Progress Update – November 1, 2010**

The Strategic Planning Committee's focus so far has been on conducting research and gathering data about the current schools committee and board structure. This effort has included interviews with each school committee about what their current role is, what they feel is working well for their group and what their current frustrations are. We have also contacted the other schools within the Gaylord Diocese in an attempt to gather information about “best practices” and other lessons learned that might be helpful to us as we move forward. We are currently awaiting these school's responses. We also recently had a very encouraging meeting with the Diocesan Superintendent, Charles Taylor. Mr. Taylor was able to provide us with his high-level perspective on how other schools within the Diocese are addressing the same problems that we are working on. He expressed his willingness to help us in our efforts and encouraged us to contact him again with our questions or if the Diocese can be of assistance.

In addition to our examination of the current organization of boards and committees, we are also looking at how to potentially modify our current fundraising and volunteer efforts to be more effective. In our discussions with committee members, it was clear that the lack of volunteers and the heavy fundraising load that is placed on some groups is a source of frustration and “burnout” among some of our parents. It is also apparent that problems related to committees, volunteers and fundraising are often interrelated. Therefore, we are seeking solutions that will address all of these issues as a whole system, not just as individual parts.

We welcome any ideas or feedback you may have related to our strategic planning efforts. To submit your comments or to ask a question, please email [StrategicPlanning@bishopbaraga.com](mailto:StrategicPlanning@bishopbaraga.com). We will continue to keep you updated on our progress as we move forward.

Thank You,  
The Strategic Planning Committee