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Dear Parents,

As I mentioned at the Back to School Blast, Christ the King School is dedicated to making improvements. At CKS, we are always looking at how we can make our school even better. We are developing a new strategic plan, working on teacher leadership and collaboration, and setting goals to improve our facilities. The parish is also working on a capital campaign to address the needed updates and repairs of the Cathedral facilities.

In regard to the school facilities, we have recognized the need to improve a few locations. First is our school's main entrance. We have already provided many security elements, including visitor management system, electronic access control, video intercom and cameras, panic buttons, etc. However, the school entry is not as safe as it could be. When people are buzzed in, no barrier prevents them from going downstairs or upstairs before signing in to the office. This can allow people who have not completed safe environment requirements to have access to classrooms and come into contact with students.

Our first goal is that a new entrance be constructed to secure the entry so only individuals who are approved can enter areas where students are present. By expanding the current main entrance, we could house a larger double-entry or vestibule area for the school secretary and possibly some offices. This sort of secure entrance has been constructed at most schools over the past decade, and it would provide us with another measure of protection for those in our building.

Our second goal is to focus on our preschool. CKS preschool classrooms are spread throughout the campus. It is important for CKS to have a strong preschool, for it helps to prepare our students for Kindergarten and provides an important service to our parishioners. Having all preschool classrooms together will allow teachers to better meet student needs through use of resources, curriculum planning, and teacher collaboration.

Freeing up some space in the current office area would make room for new classrooms. The current preschool classrooms would move out of the PLC and church nursery locations into this new area where the school office is now, allowing the entire preschool program to be in the same location.

Thank you for allowing me to share such lofty, but exciting goals with you. You will be hearing more about the capital campaign soon. Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

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