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Dear Parents,

Two years ago, our school hosted an external review team representing AdvancED, our accrediting agency. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance, and it engages the school community in meeting high quality standards. The standards are derived from educational research and best practices, and emphasize a commitment to continuous improvement.

When parents are moving to new locations, I often get questions on what to look for when searching for a new school. I always tell them to look for an accredited school with certified teachers, and that AdvancED schools are some of the most highly qualified. Achieving accreditation signifies that a school offers qualified teachers, sound curriculum, and a range of activities and services to its students and families.

When a school is committed to accreditation, it shows the parents and the community that the school is focused on raising student achievement, enriching the learning process, and maintaining a safe, efficient, and effective school environment. As part of our commitment and efforts to provide continuous improvement of our school, it is important for faculty and school administrators to hear from our students and parents.

To better understand the student experience at CKS, we will continue to implement the Student Voice Surveys as we did last year. Our students will complete the surveys over the next couple of weeks. Children in grades 3-8 will complete online surveys, and grades K-2 will complete paper and crayon surveys. The surveys will allow the students to give their perspective on many aspects of their learning experience, including their engagement, support, and discipline.

Two years ago as part of our AdvancED self-study, we surveyed our parents. We would again like to hear your thoughts about numerous aspects of our school. Topics include mission, goals, governing, communications, academics, resources, and student achievement. We want to get your thoughts on where we are and where we need to continue to improve. Please follow the [online link to the parent survey](#). We ask that you complete it by May 10th.

Please also remember to complete the Title I survey that was sent home last week. That is a separate survey that provides tutoring services to our students.

We greatly appreciate your contribution. Christ the King School has a lot about which to be proud. It is a distinction to be accredited through AdvancED, and we are committed to continuous improvement. Our teachers and administrators gain invaluable feedback from all the surveys. With your input, we will continue to improve the learning experience at our school. Thank you!

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Principal

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7Z2CQRD>