

# SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

of *Racine*



## Next Steps:

The Board of Directors is actively seating the various committees of the board.

Search committees have formed and the interview process for the Director of Schools and Director of Business positions has begun.

## Siena Board of Directors Goes "Back to School"

Back-to-school season was an opportune time for the Siena Board of Directors to visit each of the six schools in Racine and see the facilities fill with joyous students, parents and teachers. President Brenda White, Dan Horton, Interim Chair of the Board of Directors, and Heather Orth, Chair of the Education Committee were just a few of the "new" faces walking the halls beginning August 21.

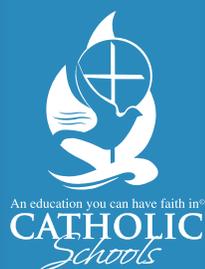
Heather Orth explained, "It was an opportunity for us to get the feel of each individual school – to see the good things going on and meet the dedicated people." Teachers and leaders were able to engage with the Board and convey their curiosity about the system, particularly the upcoming school year. As time unfolds that curiosity will turn into answers – answers to what's going to change and what stays the same? How will this affect my classroom? Knowing Brenda and the Board are present and engaged was a positive experience all around.

Additionally, the Board was able to look at each facility. "All had identified items with their name. A bench, a statue, etc. It will be important to keep that identity while asking ourselves, 'How can we weave that into a Siena system?' Every school in Siena is in a different place with technology. How can the Board support each of them where they are? Things to look at include integrating technology into curriculum and use it to the best advantage. That might mean Chrome books, iPads, Desktops for different age groups," said Orth.

Next steps include interacting with parents and parishioners. The Board will be looking for feedback on how the Siena Board can support each of the schools and collecting these responses through multiple mediums and event opportunities.

**Mission:** Our schools are committed to educating in a Catholic learning environment rooted in Christ's teachings and characterized by academic excellence, servant leadership, student diversity, personal accountability and respect for every individual.

**Vision:** Our schools will effect positive change in the community by graduating life-long learners, grounded in strong Gospel values, who are prepared for higher education and meet the challenges of a rapidly-changing world with compassion and hope.



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