# 2018 Reviewer's Response

# DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAIRBAULT

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#### **Introductory Materials:** The Cover Form and Cover Letter

INDICATOR	Not In Compliance	Compliance
(Was the Cover Form included?) Cover Form is provided	The Cover Form provided by MNSAA was not included in the annual progress report.	The <b>Cover Form</b> provided by MNSAA was completed and included in the annual progress report.
(Was an Executive Summary Letter included?)	An Executive Summary letter is <u>not</u> enclosed.	An Executive Summary letter is enclosed.
Provides an Executive Summary cover letter on school stationery that identifies any unique situations encountered, and if applicable – any additional improvements and/or any major revisions to the strategic plan.	The letter does not meet MNSAA quality expectations as defined in the instructions and compliance indicators. (See Reviewer's Comments for additional information.)	The letter provides an executive summary of any unique situations encountered during the year.  If applicable, the cover letter includes major improvement accomplishments not included in the strategic plan.
(Any unexpected circumstances the school encountered during the academic year are delineated in this letter.)		If applicable, the cover letter specifies major revisions made to the school strategic plan.

#### **REVIEWER COMMENTS for Introductory Materials**

Reviewer's Comments and/or Recommendations:

• Thank you for submitting an informative and thoughtful executive summary letter. Congratulations on your school community's success with KoAm, Faithful Beginnings and more. Best wishes to DMCS as you prepare to host your onsite visit next year.



#### Component One: The School Strategic Plan (SSP)

INDICATOR	Not In Compliance	Compliance
(What initiatives were planned for implementation this past year?)  Provides the <u>School Strategic Plan</u> for the current school year with evidence of the previous year's progress report on the required ongoing MNSAA template.	Some or the entire strategic plan is <u>not</u> completed included or completed on the <u>required template</u> .  The progress report is <u>not</u> identified for the year with a superscript date and/or does not utilize the defined color. (2017-18 Purple in June 2018)  The plan <u>does not include</u> the previous years' progress narrations and/or does not specify when and why previous progress reports were removed.	<ul> <li>☑ The required MNSAA template for strategic planning is utilized with annual progress on action steps reported.</li> <li>☑ The progress report is identified for the year with a superscript date and utilizes the defined color. (2017-18 Purple in June 2018)</li> <li>☑ The plan includes the previous years' progress narration and/or identifies actions that are annually practiced. (Action steps that have been completed and reported to MNSAA for two or more years are considered</li> </ul>
		annually practiced/institutionalized and no longer need an annual progress report posted.)
(What did you actually accomplish this year?) In the <u>Progress Report</u> column, a written description of the specific actions taken during the current school year to implement the planned improvement targets is provided.	<ul> <li>☐ Written description of improvement efforts is not reported on the template or is incomplete.</li> <li>☐ Information is not provided as to why a goal was not addressed as planned for the year.</li> <li>☐ Progress is predicted or projected before real action has been taken.</li> </ul>	A written description of the specific actions taken to implement the planned action steps is provided.  The written description includes information advising why the goal was not addressed as planned and timelines adjusted if necessary.
(What do you plan to do next year and into the future?) The <u>School Strategic Plan</u> details strategies and action steps to guide future improvement efforts.	The plan does not detail improvement strategies and action steps for the next year and beyond.  Descriptions of "completed," "annually" or "ongoing" are pervasive in the report. (Calls into question the visionary nature of the plan.)	The School Strategic Plan details improvement strategies and action steps for the next year and beyond.  (Schools in Year 6 of the accreditation cycle will be bringing their existing plan to a close and limited action steps for the future will be named.)



#### **REVIEWER COMMENTS for Component One**

Reviewer's Comments and/or Recommendations:

• Nice job on completing the items outlined in your seven year plan. It will be exciting to see the next phase of Divine Mercy.



#### Component Two: Communicating School Strategic Plan (SSP) Progress to Stakeholders

INDICATOR	Not In Compliance	Compliance
(How did you communicate the SSP with stakeholders?)  Provides a written description on the required template of how the School Strategic Plan (SSP) objectives, strategies and progress achieving action steps were communicated to stakeholders.	The required template is not used for the written description for this component.  Written description of process and venues used to communicate the SSP and progress achieved meeting defined improvement initiatives with stakeholders is not included or is incomplete.	Written description is included on the <b>required template</b> for this component.  Written description of process and venues used to communicate the SSP and its defined improvement initiatives with stakeholders is included and informative in nature.
(Provide evidence to support the written description of communication of the SSP progress with stakeholders.)  Provides evidence of how the School Strategic Plan (SSP) objectives, strategies and progress achieving action steps was communicated to stakeholders. (Limit 3-5 documents.)  (The school is encouraged to include its annual State-of-the-School report to stakeholders as one evidentiary document.)	Evidence is not provided that demonstrates communication of the SSP to stakeholders and its related progress toward achieving defined objectives, strategies, and action steps.  Evidence provided is repetitive in format and/or demonstrates communication only to a narrow group of stakeholders.	Evidence clearly demonstrates communication of the SSP to stakeholders and the school's progress toward achieving defined objectives, strategies and action steps. (Not merely action steps.)  Evidence provided is varied and published to a diversity of stakeholders.
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• Lots of good things happening!



#### **Component Three:** *Monitoring Learning Progress*

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What is the school's assessment plan?  Provides a <u>written description</u> of the tools and processes used for assessing student academic performance at specific grade levels.	The written plan does not describe methodologies and/or assessment tools utilized at specific grade levels to assess student learning and/or not posted on the required template.  Written description does not include at least one standardized assessment tool (normative- or criterion-referenced).	<ul> <li>☑ Written plan for monitoring learning progress describes methodologies and/or assessment tools utilized at specific grade levels to assess student learning is provided on the required template.</li> <li>☑ At least one standardized assessment tool (normative- or criterion- referenced) is identified.</li> </ul>
How is the assessment data analyzed and known?  Provides a written description and supporting evidence that addresses and demonstrates how the data gathered was compared and analyzed by appropriate stakeholders.	<ul> <li>☐ Written description does not specify how data gathered was reviewed, analyzed and/or interpreted.</li> <li>☐ Evidence is not provided indicating that aggregated and/or cumulative data gathered was compared to previous years.</li> <li>☐ Evidence is provided does not demonstrate that stakeholders were advised of assessment results.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☑ Written description is provided specifying how data gathered was reviewed, analyzed and/or interpreted.</li> <li>☑ Evidence is provided that aggregated or cumulative data gathered was compared to the past.</li> <li>☑ Evidence is provided that demonstrates stakeholders were advised of assessment results.</li> </ul>
How did the results impact instruction and curriculum?  Provides a <u>written description</u> specifying how the data gathered was used to improve student learning as it guided instructional /curricular decisions. (No evidence required.)	Written description does not identify the instructional decisions and/or curricular changes that resulted from the analysis of data.	Written description identifies the <b>instructional decisions</b> and/or <b>curricular changes</b> that resulted from the analysis of data. If no changes have been made, that should be identified in this narrative.



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND REQUIRED RESPONSES
The 2017-18 Annual Progress Report is in compliance with all MNSAA requirements and no further action is needed.
Required Response is due on or before October 15, 2018 in the following areas:
<ul> <li>□ Introductory Materials – Cover Form and Cover Letter</li> <li>□ Component One – The School Strategic Plan (SSP)</li> <li>□ Component Two – Communicating School Strategic Plan (SSP) Progress to Stakeholders</li> <li>□ Component Three – Monitoring Learner Progress</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Additional Comments from the Reviewer:</li> <li>Thank you for your time and effort submitting a thorough annual progress report to MNSAA.</li> <li>Congratulations on finishing the self-study year and good luck on your site visit.</li> </ul>