

March 12, 2019

Ms. Regina Ashley
Divine Mercy Catholic School
15 SW Third Avenue
Faribault, MN 55021-6095

Dear Ms. Ashley:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that on March 8, 2019, the MNSAA Board of Directors granted unconditional accreditation status effective immediately for Divine Mercy Catholic School of Faribault. The board was pleased with the evidence provided that school safety issues noted by the onsite team have been promptly addressed. We value your leadership and commitment to educational excellence.

Eligibility for accreditation with MNSAA is extended through June 30, 2026. In order to maintain accreditation during this period, Divine Mercy Catholic School will need to annually demonstrate school improvement and comply with the policies and standards of the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. This will include filing an updated strategic plan that takes into account the recommendations of the onsite visiting team. Additionally, you will need to complete a narrative report on the required template by December 31, 2019 (we recommend June 30th if that is possible for your school community). Instructions and resources for this work are attached to this message.

As a reminder, Divine Mercy Catholic School is not required to file an annual progress report this year, which is due on June 15, 2019. However, DMCS may choose to file this report in an effort to review our revisions and stay abreast with changes in protocols.

The Board wishes to commend you for addressing the conditional accreditation issues facing your school in a professional and timely manner. One of the primary goals of accreditation is to provide a practical framework for school improvement. By your actions you have demonstrated that Divine Mercy Catholic School is committed to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence. Please accept our congratulations on your efforts.

Please feel free to contact me with questions as you work with your school community to meet the improvement initiatives in your plan.

Sincerely,

Sarah W. Mueller
Executive Director

