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Weekly Update from the Mercy McAuley Transition Committee

The Sisters of Mercy are pleased to announce that Kathy Schnier has accepted their invitation to join the Mercy McAuley Transition Committee. Kathy, a retired English teacher, spent more than 28 years of her career in the classrooms of Mother of Mercy High School. Her classroom experience, coupled with her life-long commitment to Mercy education, organizational and people skills, was key in extending the invitation. Kathy hit the ground running, attending her first planning committee meeting this week.

At that meeting, foundational efforts progressed. We refined the structure of the committees and sub-committees. At this point, more than 500 people have volunteered to assist with the committee work. All help is welcome, and we're grateful to everyone because the process of designing the new Mercy McAuley High School is a "ground up" effort—a broad base of support, with deep Mercy education roots. The ideas, suggestions, and dreams all need a voice. God has blessed our work with the contributions of many people.

Membership on the various committees will be limited to eight to 10 each, with balanced allegiance to the two existing schools, and the technical and professional competencies required for the specific tasks. Committee charters are in the final stages of preparation. The charter will focus the committee's attention on the priority of its tasks (such as student life) as well as a deadline for its final recommendations to the transition committee. Deadlines are essential in the design phase to ensure that planning moves forward in a logical sequence toward completion by the target date—July 1, 2018—for launching Mercy McAuley High School.

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter!

The Transition Committee