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Weekly Update from the Mercy McAuley Transition Committee

Thanks to all of you for your energy, passion and love of Mercy education. While the outpouring is overwhelming at times, it's also understandable and deeply gratifying. The importance of the Mercy/McAuley experience is incalculable, and because of that, it must continue.

The Transition Committee continues to work toward identifying several committees that will recommend substantive direction on topics ranging from the academic program to transportation, and from the daily schedule to uniforms and many other areas essential to a new school.

Vision for committees and subcommittees:

We envision assigning the 10 to 12 general topic areas to working committees charged with reporting their progress to the Transition Committee weekly. The working committees in turn will be supported by sub-committees that will focus on specific areas, such as student retreats, cafeteria operations and school colors. To ensure that everyone who wishes to provide input has the opportunity, the working committees may establish advisory groups or other creative means to solicit input.

Makeup and size of each working committee:

The membership of each working committee (8 to 10) will be balanced among representatives of Mercy and McAuley. Depending on the topic, membership may include representatives of the student bodies, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae or neighbors. The size of the working committees will be limited because anything larger could become unwieldy, inefficient and counterproductive. Our timeline is tight, so the work needs to flow efficiently.

Be on the lookout for details about volunteering:

Please watch for an announcement of specifics, as well as the details on how to volunteer to serve, within the next week. Once the working committees are established, we'll give each a charter which will include areas to address as well as a timeline for recommendations to the Transition Committee. We'll share recommendations from this process with the Board of Trustees and the Sisters of Mercy for a final decision.