Regionalization Update for Pastors

Reporting our progress: May 2012
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How will the Regions be governed?

Each Catholic School Region will be a separate, not-for-profit, educational corporation chartered by the New York State Department of Education. The schools in a region will be governed by a two-tiered membership corporation with the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor at the Member level. The Board of Trustees will include clergy and laity. All Regional Board members will be supported by a Regional Office, through the Office of the Superintendent and Office of Parish Finance, that will include a Business Manager/Corporate Secretary, who will ensure the effective day-to-day operations of the region, under the oversight of the Board. This position will be a paid employee of the region.

What’s next for The Partnership?

For a number of months, the Archdiocese of New York and the Partnership for Inner-City Education have been in discussions about the creation of a tenth region of inner-city elementary schools managed by The Partnership. The Archdiocese would retain legal and governance control of these schools and would enter into a management agreement with The Partnership. This new region, which would include six inner-city elementary schools, is expected to commence operations at the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The proposed schools under consideration include: in Manhattan, St. Mark the Evangelist, Our Lady Queen of Angels and Mount Carmel/Holy Rosary; and in the Bronx, Immaculate Conception on 151 Street, St. Athanasius and Sacred Heart. All six schools selected have had a long relationship with The Partnership.

The Partnership Region would be part of the Pathways to Excellence regionalization plan and reflect the plan’s goal of sustaining excellent Catholic schools. The Partnership is committed to maintaining and celebrating the Catholic Identity of these schools. The Partnership has already helped to strengthen our inner-city schools by adding enrichment programs, hiring teaching coaches, and deploying Fellows to support the administration. In addition, The Partnership funds critical capital projects and scholarships for needy students.

Are some schools remaining parish-based?

Parishes with financially stable schools are given the opportunity, annually, to apply to remain parish-based, whereby the governance of these schools will remain the same as the present parish school model. Currently, there are 41 schools, throughout the Archdiocese, that have been approved to remain parish-based for the pilot year 2012-13 and the first non-pilot year of 2013-14. For consideration to remain parish-based, a parish submits an application to the Archdiocese which evaluates the parish and the school to ensure that neither entity will be detrimentally affected over the next several years by the school remaining parish-based. To remain parish-based, a school needs to operate without financial support from the Archdiocese. Once a school is designated as parish-based, an annual financial review of the parish and school is undertaken to determine whether it remains parish-based for the following academic year. Parish-based schools are entitled to Regional scholarships and can avail themselves of the resources of the Regional Office. Also, clergy and lay of the parish may serve on the Regional Board, if appointed by the Members.

How are pilot region boards trained?

Recruitment of Board Trustees for the three pilot Catholic School Regions has been completed. Cardinal Dolan approved the appointments of the pastors and lay members of the Boards listed on the back page to serve within their respective regions. Board training for the pilot Boards began in March and will continue through the first half of the 2012-13 school year.
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