

**Washington Area Steering Committee
Recommendation to the Pastors
July 2018**

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The Washington Area Steering Committee recommends that a regional Catholic school system be created that would provide quality faith-based Catholic education in a financially responsible, affordable, and sustainable manner for the parishes and families in the Washington and Southern Warren County area. This regional Catholic school system should include the following tenets for programs, staffing, finance and facilities:

Program Tenets

1. A standardized curriculum and instructional program should be developed and utilized in all schools throughout the system.
2. One school calendar and schedule should be established for all schools within the system.

Staff Tenet

3. All administrators, teachers and support staff should become employees of the regional school system.

Finance Tenets

4. All school-related financials would be consolidated under the regional education system.
5. One tuition rate should be established for all schools within the system.
6. The cost of education would be identified, standardized on a per student basis, and distributed fairly and equitably to all parishes and students.
7. A measurement of reimbursement to parishes should be established and formalized for the use of space/classrooms.
8. Christian service or Stewardship requirement should be established for families to qualify for parish subsidy

Facilities Tenet

9. School facilities should be studied to determine if it is possible to create a middle school at one site.