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## Annual Report to Stakeholders / June 15, 2024

Let us start by celebrating! We do not do that enough. Despite the challenges, and yes, we recognize many challenges this year, we have used our resources and employees very efficiently. We have had a year of developing and growing our school through the addition of our Middle School program, a new math curriculum and the addition of new teachers in the building.

We have continued this growth with the renovation of the kitchen and cafeteria which began in April. We partnered with Hutchinson Public Schools to cater lunches from mid-April to the end of the school year. Our cooks managed all of this quite well. When students return to school after Labor Day they will be welcomed with a bright shiny new kitchen and cafeteria.

An area we recognize as opportunity is in our state testing scores. We have to remember that these tests are a snapshot of a student's knowledge and there are so many other things that play into academics. This year our spring NWEA scores overall showed in math we were in the 70% percentile for achievement, and 42% for growth. Our reading scores showed us in the 74% percentile for achievement and 42% percentile for growth. Our students are high achievers but showing little growth. At a minimum we want to be in the 60% or higher for both categories. A goal for next year will be to increase student's growth, while maintain or growing achievement.

One of the items in our strategic plan is the addition of 7th & 8th grades. We started 7th grade this year and will start our 8th grade in the fall. Despite small numbers in this group we were able to model a middle school experience for the kids. They had different teachers for the different subject matters and switched rooms accordingly. We have learned a lot from this middle school addition and will continue to learn more about programs, curriculum, and student dynamics as we build our program.

Between all of the fundraisers that took place this year we raised over \$100,000 in support of the school! The marathon had a different look this year as we chalked up Library Square by creating colorful faithful designs on the sidewalks. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala was an evening of joy visiting with people and celebrating our school. The funds raised help with items such as our new math program, student Chromebooks, teacher professional development and many other wonderful things. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed through volunteer services and/or monetarily to this success.

Our Minnesota Nonpublic School Association Accreditation (MNSAA) accreditation renewal process begins next fall in what we call our "self-study" year. This will be an opportunity for all of us to dive in and discover new initiatives that will improve our school community.

2024 Marks the 70<sup>th</sup> year of St. Anastasia school. We look forward to reminiscing with our alumni soon. There are a lot of exciting things happening at St. Anastasia school and we welcome all to be a part of this amazing community.

Blessings,

Betty Kloss, Principal