

## Letter from the President

### ***Pius XI Catholic High School Celebrates National School Choice Week***

This week is National School Choice Week, and Pius XI Catholic High School is proud to be one of over 250 Catholic Schools that participate in School Choice programs in the state of Wisconsin. This week, we celebrate the diverse education options that are made available to families. Over 30 years ago, the state of Wisconsin acknowledged that *one size does not fit all* when it comes to education. School Choice programs have played a crucial role in expanding opportunities, fostering innovation, and creating a more personalized approach to learning. Through these programs, parents are empowered to choose the best learning environment for their child.



Each student is an individual, with a background, strengths, and challenges unique to them and their lived experience. School Choice programs not only recognize this diversity but also help to develop and promote personalized learning experiences. Parents are able to choose the school that best suits their family's needs, providing a more tailored and effective educational experience. By allowing families to choose from a variety of schools, parents have more options, which increases motivation across all educational systems to continually improve quality and offer innovative teaching methods. Encouraging schools and districts to focus on student success leads to the development of diverse and effective educational approaches.

As we celebrate the rich history of Wisconsin's School Choice program, it is vital that we recognize the continued importance of these programs. In February, Pius XI Catholic High School will begin accepting School Choice applications for the 2024–25 academic year. We are excited to be able to serve many more current and future students, thanks to School Choice programs. While School Choice may be misconstrued as a controversial topic of late, it should not be. Education, whether public, private, or charter, should aim at providing our children with the opportunities they deserve as unique individuals. All students and families benefit from School Choice. When we remember this, it is easy to see how vital these programs are to the continued success of future generations.

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President