

Monday, July 8, 2024

**Message to the Grace Lutheran Community
From Grace School's Elementary Education Committee (EEC)**

Mr. Mike Carioscio, a long-time parishioner and educator has graciously accepted the Interim Principal role until we are able to secure a new Grace School Principal. Mr. Casioscio is working hard this summer to ensure everything is in place for a smooth and successful start of the 2024/25 school year.

The role of School Principal is very important in our ongoing success. Our goal is to get the very best permanent School Principal to meet our specific needs and because of that we have contracted with an executive search firm. We are pleased to share that our Committee is working with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to assist us in securing our new Principal. HYA has supported thousands of organizations in finding their next leader. The two HYA consultants we are working very closely with are, Dr. Kerry Foderaro and Dr. Lynn Burks. Both have many years of educational leadership and search experience.

As an EEC, we truly value and need your feedback in the process of finding a new School Principal and HYA will be hosting a series of opportunities for Grace stakeholders to share your unique insights and thoughts. Your insights are essential in shaping the future of our institution. Your voice will directly impact the decision-making process and help guide the Search Committee in selecting the next School Principal. Your participation is sincerely appreciated and strongly encouraged.

We ask all, to complete this online survey by the end of the workday on Monday, July 15. The survey is conducted by HYA, an independent search firm, ensuring your responses are kept anonymous and confidential. It is a 10-minute survey and here is the link to access it:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVMBW2Y>

HYA will be hosting an in-person focus group meeting, open to all, on Sunday, July 14 at 11:30am, following Worship in the Seminar Room. All our welcome to participate.

HYA will be hosting a virtual focus group meeting specifically for all Faculty and Staff on Monday, July 15 at 10:00am:

Google Meet Joining Information

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nau-ixpy-nrn>

Or dial: (US) +1 929-299-3769 PIN: 530 550 764#

HYA will be hosting an in-person focus group meeting for only student parents and guardians, on Monday, July 15 at 6:30pm, in the Seminar Room.

HYA will be hosting a virtual focus group meeting for only student parents and guardians who cannot attend the prior in-person meeting, immediately following the in-person meeting on Monday, July 15 at 8:00pm:

Virtual Option: Google Meet

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/rqq-ecsz-wyz>

Or dial: (US) +1 929-276-1142 PIN: 724 031 741#

This is an exciting time for Grace Lutheran School, as we take our next step into our future to continue to build on our rich tradition. Thank you for your active support in this process.

Grace and peace to you and your loved ones in the name of Jesus Christ