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Dear St. Paul Families:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to share with you that St. Paul Lutheran School is one of five schools across the country to receive a very prestigious commendation - National Lutheran School Accreditation Exemplary Status. The announcement was made yesterday by Mr. Terry Schmidt, Director of Schools for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Today, the National Lutheran Accreditation Commission selected your school as one of five outstanding Lutheran schools in the United States for special recognition as exemplary accredited schools. Your school has demonstrated compliance with (NLSA) accreditation criteria that exceeded expectations related to the educational and ministry standards that are expected for accredited schools. In addition, your school demonstrated innovative leadership through the implementation of *Best Practices* related to the academic quality and spiritual development of its students. (Terry Schmidt)

Throughout the application and visitation process, members of the NLSA Exemplary Board had the opportunity to meet with many stakeholders of our school and community including teachers, staff, students, alumni, community leaders and church leaders. We are grateful to all those that have shown their support and willingness to share their personal story about their relationship with St. Paul Lutheran School.

God has blessed St. Paul with an incredibly dedicated faculty, staff, and school board; a congregation that has determined a Lutheran School is one of the most important parts of its ministry; parents that are dedicated to providing Christian-education for their children; and an entire community that works together behind the motto: Focused on Excellence ... Centered on Christ.

More information regarding Exemplary Status will be coming out in the next few weeks. Please join us next Friday as we celebrate this honor as part of Family Day.

In His Service,

Michael J. Yurk
Principal