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The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation serves school communities through standards of excellence that promote continuous improvement.

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Board Accredits 265 Schools

At the June 17, September 9 and November 6, 2009 meetings, the WRISA Board of Directors accredited 265 schools.

In addition, the Board of Directors voted to 'Deny' accreditation to five schools that failed to submit required documents on time.

The Board of Directors is the sole authority in determining the accreditation status of a school. Its decision may differ from the "Recommendation" for accreditation made by a Visiting Team.

To view the complete list of schools, visit the WRISA website: www.wrisa.net after December 31, 2009, and click on the "WRISA Schools" link.

Schools Accredited for a Subsequent Cycle of Accreditation

Congratulations to the following schools that completed a seven year cycle of accreditation. After conducting a new Self Study, these schools hosted a Site Visit and submitted new Visiting Team documents and Long Range Plan to the Board of Directors.

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| All Saints Catholic School | Antigo |
| All Saints School | Berlin |
| Assumption B.V.M. School | Pulaski |
| Blessed Sacrament School | Madison |
| Blessed Sacrament School | Milwaukee |
| Cathedral School | Superior |
| Christ King School | Wauwatosa |
| Kaukauna Catholic System | Kaukauna |

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| Lumen Christi Catholic School | Mequon |
| Mary Queen of Saints Academy | West Allis |
| Mother of Good Counsel School | Milwaukee |
| Nativity Jesuit Middle School | Milwaukee |
| Nativity of Our Lord School | Rhineland |
| Notre Dame Middle School | Milwaukee |
| Notre Dame of DePere School | DePere |
| Oostburg Christian School | Oostburg |
| Prince of Peace-Holy Martyrs | Green Bay |
| Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary | Sun Prairie |
| St. Alphonsus School | New Munster |
| St. Ann School | Stoughton |
| St. Bridget School | River Falls |
| St. Eugene School | Fox Point |
| St. Joan of Arc School | Nashotah |
| St. John the Baptist School | Green Bay |
| St. Joseph School | Dodgeville |
| St. Kilian School | Hartford |
| St. Leonard School | Muskego |
| St. Martin of Tours School | Franklin |
| St. Mary School | Algoma |
| St. Patrick Parish School | Elkhorn |
| St. Patrick School | Janesville |
| St. Paul Parish Catholic School | Bloomer |
| St. Thomas Aquinas Academy | Milwaukee |
| St. Thomas More School | Green Bay |
| St. Vincent Pallotti School | Milwaukee |

Schools Accredited for the First Time

After successfully completing an intensive Self Study and hosting a Visiting Team, the following Candidate schools were recommended for and were granted initial accreditation by the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to:
 Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School Milwaukee
 Concordia University School Milwaukee

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| Early View Academy | Milwaukee |
| Kindergarten Plus | Milwaukee |
| New Testament Academy | Milwaukee |
| Siloah Lutheran School | Milwaukee |
| St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran | Milwaukee |
| Clara Mohammed School (9 -12) | Milwaukee |
| Washington DuBois Christian Leadership Academy | Milwaukee |

Board Welcomes New Board Member

The WRISA Board of Directors welcomes Kay Franz, Member at Large. Currently, Kay serves as principal at St. Bernard School in Green Bay.

‘Plan of Action’ to be Added to Annual Report Form

A Plan of Action Report Form has been approved by the Board and will be added to the online Annual Report Packet for the 2010-11 school year. Principals may also request this form from their jurisdiction’s WRISA representative.

The Plan of Action for Human Resources is a required document that must be completed for each administrator, teacher or other personnel who has instructional responsibilities and does not meet the qualifications in Standard Quality Indicators 5.01, 5.02, 5.04, 5.05, or 5.06 that applies to his/her position. Since 5.01 and 5.04 are ‘essential’ quality indicators, a school may experience a delay in accreditation until a Plan of Action is submitted as part of the Long Range Plan, or as an attachment to the Substantive Change Form in the Annual Report.

Principals may submit the ‘Professional Development Plan’ (PDP) developed by their initial educators if the initial educator allow. If the ‘PDP is not submitted for initial educators, the principal should submit the

‘Plan of Action Report Form’ for them as well. .

The Plan of Action must include the following components:

- A letter (or other form of written documentation/proof) from an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) verifying acceptance and enrollment in an appropriate program, or verifying eligibility to enroll in coursework
- The anticipated completion date of program or coursework requirements
- Names, credits and a time line/schedule of courses to be taken in order to meet the Standard Quality Indicator requirements, signed by the IHE Advisor if working toward a degree. Names, credits and timeline/schedule of courses if only working to meet the required amount of course credits
- Transcripts of courses already taken to be credited towards the Standard Quality Indicator requirements
- Other requirements as may be designated by an individual jurisdiction

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