

St. Bernard's Catholic High School

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St. Bernard's to Remain Open: Poised to Succeed amid Transition to Private School

Secondary Catholic Education Continues in Northern Worcester County

FITCHBURG, MA JULY 11, 2019 - Dr. David Perda, Superintendent of the Diocese of Worcester Schools, announced Thursday that St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School will remain open and be supported financially by the Diocese of Worcester during 2019-2020. St. Bernard's future was placed in jeopardy as enrollment dipped in recent years and the Diocese of Worcester is unable to support it.

Through convictions of faith and a strong community effort, the school will transition to a private Catholic school model to begin in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond. Parents, alumni, and friends of STB have already started to gather momentum as committees form to work on finances, structure, marketing, development, and recruitment in order to ensure that secondary Catholic education in Northern Worcester County will continue. Enrollment has continued to grow over the summer months. Administration, led by Mrs. Linda Anderson and Mr. Paul Constantino, look forward to continued growth through a commitment to academics, athletics and a focus on the well-being and education of the whole student.

Members of the St. Bernard's High School Transition Team are grateful to the Diocese of Worcester for its continued support and look forward to a fruitful year of progress and change. Brian Gardiner, parent and member of the St. Bernard's High School Transition Team, responded to the news, "The energy and outpouring of support has been overwhelming. There is so much talent in the extended STB community and the collaboration already has been outstanding. This is going to be a terrific success story." There will be many opportunities to participate in this transition through the Transition Team Website link located at <https://stbernardscchs.org/>. St. Bernard's alumni and friends are encouraged to complete the interest survey in order to participate more fully in this transition. Parents of interested students may call to receive admission information at (978) 342-3212. Karen Pelletier, alumna ('80), St. Bernard's parent, and member of the esteemed Bernardian Foundation had this to say- "Please stay tuned to the St. Bernard's Transition website for updates on our progress. We look forward to September 2020 when this cherished institution opens its doors and welcomes students for its 100th year anniversary!"

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