



Update One: A Message from Head of School and Board Chair

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One of the priorities for St. Matthew's Board of Trustees and Administration for the 2019-2020 school year is to generate a Strategic Plan, a six-year outline of our dreams, ambitions, and goals for this ever-evolving community.

The Strategic Plan is an opportunity for us to create a 360-degree view of St. Matthew's: what we love, what we want to see more of, and what we can improve.

To help us with this self-assessment, we have retained Ian Symmonds and Associates. Ian has worked with hundreds of private schools in helping to shape their dreams for the future, including many schools here in Los Angeles. He and his team have specific experience with Episcopal schools and recognize our unique brand and strength in community building. Ian will help guide our process, but our community will drive the content and direction of our final plan. This is where you as parents come in...

Over the next few months, we will be gathering input from all the constituencies in our community. We will begin by hosting "Dream Sessions" hosted by me and our Strategic Planning Committee, where parents can share their visions, hopes and aspirations for St. Matthew's. Later this fall, we will ask all parents to participate in an electronic survey where we will solicit your feedback on all aspects of St. Matthew's. Parental participation is paramount to creating a comprehensive road map for our school's future so that our students and alumni are prepared to serve, lead and flourish today, tomorrow – and all of the tomorrows yet to come. We ask that every St. Matthew's family attend a session, if convenient.

Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's Parish School!