



SchoolOne Implemented in Bay Area Dioceses

Last May, SchoolOne partnered with Catholic schools in the Bay Area dioceses to develop a long-term, strategic plan to aggregate their information systems at the diocesan level. A significant part of that project involved the successful implementation of the SchoolOne Student Information System, (SIS) in over 50 schools, which included migrating data from existing systems, onboarding new data, and training hundreds of users by the start of school this fall.

This week, SchoolOne President Bob Longo and Director of Product Development Kim Beckwith participated in meetings with the members of the project advisory board from the San Jose and Oakland dioceses and school principals from San Jose. The groups discussed the status of the implementation, including several custom modules built for the dioceses; the goals and objectives of the Bay Area Catholic schools; and future customizations and functionality they need to be successful.

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Catholic schools to implement 'School One' in Diocese of San Jose; tracks data, provides safety communication, curriculum planning
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Kathy Almazol, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of San Jose, has announced that "School One," a student information system designed to be used at the diocesan level, is being implemented in the Diocese of San Jose.

"We do this to better serve our schools," Almazol said. "The system allows us to better inform instruction for our local schools. We can track developmental trends and identify gaps.

"We will have a more efficient way of knowing what is happening at each school here at the Department of Education level," she said. "I want to emphasize that individual school information will not be shared other than with the School Department."

Almazol said that, in the digital age, "We need to track information more efficiently" and to interface with NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) national database information.

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