



Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America

A Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers

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Mr. John Birney
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Dear John:

Congratulations to you and the members of the Br. Rice High School community on your completion of the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Education evaluation process. It is clear that the charism and vision of Blessed Edmund Rice are alive and well in the minds and hearts of your school community, and that the Catholic identity of the school remains strong.

The Visiting Team was impressed that the values identified in the RICE pillars (Respect – Integrity – Character – Excellence) are visible to all who come through the front door. The message is loud and clear that Br. Rice is a school of high standards. The Br. Rice Warrior culture is strongly expressed in the *Band of Brothers Program* and in the many opportunities for service to the greater community. Students feel part of a supportive environment where they are challenged to use their gifts and grow in their faith.

The dedicated faculty and staff daily model the living face of the *Essential Elements* and are to be highly commended for their enthusiasm and energy. Your process in preparation for the evaluation visit allowed the voice of everyone to be heard as you modeled collaboration and community. Everyone contributes to the pursuit of excellence at Br. Rice High School.

As you know, the Essential Elements Evaluation process is a framework to ensure fidelity to our schools' Catholic identity and the educational vision and spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice. You have wonderfully demonstrated that Br. Rice is a vibrant Catholic school where the Rice vision and spirit inform decisions and have become part of the fabric of the institution. Therefore, on behalf of the Provincial Leadership Team of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America, ***I reaffirm Br. Rice High School as an Edmund Rice Christian Brother School.***

A stylized, cursive signature of 'Edmund Rice' in blue ink.

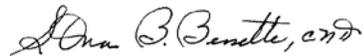
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Please extend our special gratitude to all and especially the steering committee, which guided the school community through the self-study process, developed the school growth plan, and prepared for the visit. I encourage you to share this letter with them and with your various constituencies, including your board, faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni, and to celebrate your achievements as partners in the teaching and evangelizing ministry of the Church.

Thank you for all your efforts and congratulations on your success. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you move forward. May God bless you and all the members of the Br. Rice High School community!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ona B. Bessette, CND".

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