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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATIONS

Dear Parents:

After much research and discussion, in conjunction with Bishop Miege and St. James Academy, FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment has been selected and contracted to conduct the initial financial need assessment for Saint Thomas Aquinas High School for all financial assistance applications for the 2018-2019 school year.

As the number of families of modest means who require tuition assistance to help make a secondary education available and affordable for their children continues to increase across the three Johnson County High Schools, it was determined that a more uniform and extensive application and an independent third party analysis will help each of us meet the need of all families in a more objective, consistent and coherent manner. It will also improve the safety and security of your personal identifiable information throughout the financial assistance process.

Obviously this is a change for all families who have received financial assistance in the past and/or are requesting it for the upcoming school year. One impact to families of this change in the application process is that we will be requesting much more information and documentation from each family in order to arrive at a clear and objective picture of your financial need.

Once the application is complete, FACTS will independently assess all the information compiled and forward to us a determination of financial need based on a common formula that will be used for every family who makes an application. Based on this determination, Saint Thomas Aquinas will inform you of the grant award to help you with tuition for your family for next fall.

In short, effective with the 2018-2019 registration cycle, all Saint Thomas Aquinas High School families needing financial assistance support will need to complete the FACTS application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment by April 15, 2018. Families needing assistance can apply online by clicking on the FACTS link on our website www.stasaints.net. There will be a \$30 processing charge payable to FACTS for the application.

If you have questions or need assistance regarding completing the application, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care representative at 866-441-4637.

If you have any questions about the financial assistance process here at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, please not hesitate to give me a call at 913-319-2404 or email me at wpford@stasaints.net.

Sincerely,

William P. Ford, Ed.D.
President

**P.S. Families new to Saint Thomas Aquinas High School may submit their application using their 2016 tax information before December 31, 2017, and we will process your application and notify of the amount of Grant you qualify for.
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