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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL ELEMENTARY TEACHERS
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Dear Elementary Colleagues,

On January 6, 2012, when the Blue Ribbon Commission announced the closing, pairing and regionalizing of dozens of parish elementary schools, that was only one part of the bad news. The other was that the elementary teachers working in any of the affected schools would lose their jobs and have to apply for positions in the newly-formed schools.

Once again, other people will be making decisions that affect your future employment. Once again, you stand alone with no input into where you will work or, in fact, if you will work.

You have the ability to change your status and change it in your favor. The impact this may have on the current situation is unknown. However, what you need to ask yourself is whether or not there will be future rounds of closed, paired and regionalized schools.

You can do nothing and take your chances now and with the next wave and the next wave. . .

You can take a stand and join together with the teachers in your school and with teachers in other elementary schools. You can form an organization that will give you a voice in your professional lives.

Stop letting other people decide what is best for you because, as you now know, what they have already decided is definitely not what is best for you.

Let the Association of Catholic Teachers help you gain your voice. Let ACT work on your behalf to assist you in achieving recognition and a negotiated contract. Contact the Association of Catholic Teachers and set up a meeting.

Call 215-568-4175 or e-mail us at act@act1776.com.

Sincerely,

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