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Date: 4/17/08  
To: Heads of School, SAIS Member Schools  
From: Steve Robinson, SAIS President  
Re: SAIS Affinity Groups

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As I have traveled throughout the SAIS region and visited with many of you, it has become obvious to me that one way that SAIS can support schools as they fulfill their missions is to provide a networking opportunity for you and your staff with schools that have similar missions and circumstances. Over the next several months SAIS will be creating a series of affinity groups for member schools. SAIS will assist these affinity groups through various networking opportunities that are determined appropriate by the group members. These networking opportunities may include list serves, meetings, retreats, or other means of supportive networking as deemed appropriate by the affinity group members.

The groups that will be established will be entirely based on the wishes of SAIS member schools. Below is a list of possible groups to which your school may wish to belong, however, this list is not intended to be exhaustive and SAIS is willing to create any group where appropriate interest exists. At the bottom of your online profile update form, please select ALL affinity groups to which you may wish to belong (click the down arrow to see all choices and hold the “control” key to select multiple values). Additionally, please list additional groups that would be of interest to you in the “other” field.

One of the primary services that SAIS can provide as a regional independent school association is the opportunity for you and your staff to network throughout the 11-state region of SAIS. It is to this end that we undertake this project. I trust that the affinity groups will be a meaningful networking opportunity. Please plan to be involved and to communicate to the SAIS staff ways in which we can support you and your school in fulfilling its mission.

**SAIS AFFINITY GROUPS – join as many as you want!**

- Boarding Schools
- Catholic Schools
- Christian Schools
- Enrollment A: 200 students or less
- Enrollment B: 200 – 499 students
- Enrollment C: 500 – 999 students
- Enrollment D: over 1,000 students
- Episcopal Schools
- Jewish Schools
- Montessori Schools
- Single-Sex Schools/General
- Single-Sex/Boys Only
- Single-Sex/Girls Only
- Special Needs Schools