



ACS WASC Visiting Committee Final Presentation

**Maris Stella Elementary School
Koror, Republic of Palau
December 1-4, 2020**

Focus on Learning asks

How do you know that all students are achieving based on our schoolwide student goals and academic standards?

Is the school doing everything possible to support high achievement for all its students?

Organization for Student Learning

Areas to Celebrate

The Maris Stella School and the Catholic Mission Schools are to be commended for accepting the commitment to the accreditation process which ensures a focus on student achievement.

The Maris Stella School administration, faculty, and staff are to be commended for their commitment and dedication to the MSS community.

The Maris Stella School community is to be commended for the loving and caring atmosphere which provides for individual attention of the students and the teachers.



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The Maris Stella School students are to be commended for their respectful, friendly, and dedicated behavior which supports the school Mission Statement.

The Maris Stella School is to be commended for providing a safe and clean environment.

The Ministry of Education is to be commended for the support provided in the sharing of textbooks and equipment, workshops, curriculum planning, standardized tests and analysis, financial and educational support.

Organization for Student Learning

Areas for Focus



The Maris Stella School and the Catholic Mission should ensure a continuation of the accreditation process through the identification of an accreditation coordinator to monitor the vision.

The Maris Stella School administration and the Catholic Mission should identify the means of filling vacant positions.

The Maris Stella community should ensure that communication of the learning targets and school curriculum is sustained to stakeholders throughout the school year.

Organization for Student Learning

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The Maris Stella community and the Catholic Mission should ensure that the action plans are monitored in order to meet the goals and deadlines.

The Maris Stella faculty and students should work with the ESLRs to ensure that upon graduation all students will be able to meet the goals identified in the ESLRs.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Areas to Celebrate

The Maris Stella School dedicated faculty are commended for providing a quality education for the students.

The Maris Stella School is to be commended for maintaining and supporting the cultural identity through instruction, field trips, guest speakers, and activities.

The Maris Stella School is to be commended for their flexibility in addressing student needs and available personnel and in expanding the course offerings.



Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

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The Maris Stella School is to be commended for utilizing standardized test results to evaluate school and student strengths and weaknesses.

The Maris Stella faculty is commended for their willingness to share strategies and to provide support for one another in a familial atmosphere.

The Maris Stella School and the Catholic Mission are to be commended for providing an education that supports the core Christian values embodied in the Mission Statement.



Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

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The Maris Stella School faculty and administration should ensure that the curriculum is based on learning targets and standards and support the ESLRs.

The Maris Stella Community should increase communication to all stakeholders.

The Maris Stella Community should update the website to provide parental access to the faculty, learning targets, and syllabus.

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The Maris Stella faculty should take advantage of all opportunities for staff development and improvement.

The Maris Stella faculty and administration should review educational research in order to utilize the same language of instruction.

Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth



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The Maris Stella parents are commended for their participation, active involvement and support of the students academic and co-curricular programs.

The Maris Stella parents are to be commended for addressing the low attendance at PTA meetings by forming grade level support groups who meet with teachers, share information on Messenger, and support the school.

The Maris Stella Community is commended for providing multiple interventions to assist the students academic and social development, i.e. study buddies, Educational Talent Search, after-school tutoring.

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The Maris Stella student support staff should be commended for providing a safe and nurturing environment for the school.

The Maris Stella School and the Republic of Palau should be commended for providing opportunities for recognition for students both at the school level and in the community.

The Maris Stella School Community is to be commended for instilling the Christian spirit in the classroom and in all activities.



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The Maris Stella administration should seek ways to fill all positions in the school.

The Maris Stella administration should continue to annually seek to increase the number of faculty members certified in first aid and CPR.



Resource Management and Development

Areas to Celebrate

The Maris Stella School and Catholic Mission are to be commended for having an audit which has made them more mindful and systematic in monitoring funds, with short and long term goals identified in an action plan.

The Maris Stella School community of faculty, students, and parents are to be commended for their efforts in raising money through a variety of methods to meet the school needs.

The Maris Stella administration is to be commended for hiring a development officer to advance finances of the school.

The Maris Stella administration and Catholic Mission are to be commended for addressing teacher retention efforts, including a merit increase for teachers, and a one time cost of living allowance.



Resource Management and Development

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The Maris Stella School administration, Catholic Mission, and Board of Directors should monitor consistently and purposely enact the action plans in a timely manner.

The Maris Stella community should research ways to find assistance from MOE or PCC to repair existing computers.

The Maris Stella community should utilize the website, not only for school activities, but also to communicate MSS instructional goals.

The Maris Stella community should consider the use of technology implementation in the classrooms, and in professional development, in light of the action plan and the MOE Directive on the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Schoolwide Action Plan

Visualize what will be different for students....

One year from now?

Two years from now?

Three years from now?

