



1. Allows you to identify and celebrate your strengths
2. Exposes weaknesses that should be corrected
3. Provides validation for your program's existence
4. Prepares a "blueprint" for improvement for the next seven years
5. Removes your ability to procrastinate and postpone important things that should be done
6. Rallies support from people who might otherwise not have been involved
7. Builds cohesiveness among staff members
8. Strengthens your image in the community
9. Provides you with a PR tool for your arsenal
10. Connects you with hundreds of other LCMS schools that have already worked through the process
11. Provides a set of objective eyes (site evaluation team) to review your work
12. Provides accountability to your community, constituents and congregation
13. Compares your program to a set of objective national standards for Lutheran school
14. Provides the opportunity to evaluate the spiritual component of your school
15. Helps establish an image for your program
16. Provides motivation for staff development
17. Validates your credibility through an objective outside agency
18. Publicly acknowledges the quality of your institution
19. Provides the opportunity for public acknowledgement and celebration
20. Is something every Lutheran preschool, elementary school, and high school can and should attain