

## FROM THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE TREND

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Re: Archdiocese ponders new schools

Dear Pete: I read your article in the 12/6 edition with great interest. You had a lot of detailed information that I had not seen in other publications and wondered if you'd let me know the source. I served on the Lansdale Catholic Planning Committee and am actively involved with the Friends and Alumni of LC. For example, I didn't know the exact number of parents from the Royersford sector was 2,908 with 30% responding. Did you receive a comparable number for the Hilltown sector? The other data you presented was 49% said OK to send children to Royersford while 32% said OK to send kids to Hilltown. Then, there was lots of detail about the new school concept, such as "hi tech media resource centers, etc. Did you have to dig out that information or was that provided to you? I look forward to your response.

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*Editor's response: The bulk of the information came from the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Some of it was from official press releases, and the rest was obtained in an interview with Donna Farrell, the Archdiocese spokeswoman.*

*There were corresponding data for the Hilltown area survey respondents. Of the 6,100 parents surveyed, there was a 26% response rate, a slightly lower percentage than in Royersford, equal to about 1,600 parents.*

*It is worth noting that about 900 surveys went out to families who live within 10 miles of both sites – how exactly, their responses were tallied is unclear. The mailing lists were supplied by local parishes.*

*Expanded parking facilities were another point of focus in the conception of the new high schools.*

*Ms. Farrell stressed, however, that new schools are merely a possibility, and no decision has yet been made.*

*As mentioned in the article, no surveys were sent to other areas.*