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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents,

I want to express a heartfelt thanks for your perseverance, support and partnership following the Coronavirus pandemic. Over the past 12 weeks, our school communities came together and responded as one, in faith, supporting our Catholic community despite social distancing and remote learning. The commitment and dedication of our principals, faculty and staff allowed for the successful transition to remote learning and effective adjustments to our academic programs.

I know many of you are concerned about what the 2020-2021 school year will look like. Please know that our goal is to return to the classroom, in the traditional setting, as scheduled. As always, the health, safety and welfare of the members of our community will remain a top priority. We are in the process of working with our government leaders and the leaders of our schools to develop specific protocols for next school year. We have already received guidance from the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention and expect to receive additional guidance from the Florida Department of Health and local municipalities in the coming weeks. We expect that some modifications to our facilities, programs and educational tools will be required and we are taking active steps now to plan for those needs. This includes planning for any necessary periods of blended or virtual learning. You can expect to hear from your principal in August outlining the necessary protocols that have been developed for your specific school.

I recognize how difficult this has been for many of our families and I thank you for the sacrifices you made and your flexibility and support in which you embraced the new normal. We commend the effort and resilience of your children and are so proud of how they rose to these unique challenges with both grace and fortitude.

Take care and God Bless,

Kim Pryzbylski, Ph.D. Superintendent