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Catholic School Families,

We hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas, and wish you all continued blessings in the New Year. With a new beginning we face challenges that require us to adapt with renewed focus.

As we prepared to return from Christmas break and families proactively informed schools of COVID exposures and cases, we have learned that some of our communities have been greatly impacted by COVID. In the event that staffing capacity is impacted due to quarantine periods and it limits a school's ability to provide in-person coverage, a possible closure or shift to distance learning may occur. The decision of this shift is made in consultation with school administration and the Office of Catholic Schools. Principals will communicate directly with staff and families should it ever be determined that such a shift is necessary. These decisions are not made lightly and focus on the least amount of impact to student learning. During the pandemic we have remained steadfast in the health and safety of the entire community.

As communities of faith, we center ourselves in Christ as we face the collective challenges before us. We ask staff, students and families to continue practicing health and safety measures to ensure each other's well-being.

Blessings,

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