



Archdiocese  
of  
Philadelphia



November 18, 2020

Dear Archbishop Carroll School Families,

We write to share that a painful, but necessary decision has been made to close Bishop McDevitt High School and John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Information regarding the process and reason for this course of action was shared with Bishop McDevitt and Hallahan school families today. A news release regarding this announcement is being issued by the Archdiocesan Office for Communications today. A copy of that document is attached here to provide you with additional information. To confirm, Archbishop Carroll students will not be negatively impacted by these school closures.

We believe closing these schools at this juncture, although difficult, is in the best interest of McDevitt and Hallahan students and parents, their investment in Catholic education, and the future of both. We are committed to providing all possible guidance, resources and support to these students during this time of transition and will help them learn about, select and enroll in another Archdiocesan school.

While painful, the pathway chosen is the only one that will leave us best positioned to continue offering a holistic educational experience that is academically excellent, rich, and diverse coupled with an array of athletic and artistic extracurricular opportunities bound together with the infusion of Catholic values. All Archdiocesan students deserve that superior experience and we want to make sure it is what they receive in an affordable and accessible manner.

We ask you to please keep the Bishop McDevitt and John W. Hallahan communities in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene Horstman".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Maureen L. McDermott, I.H.M."

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