

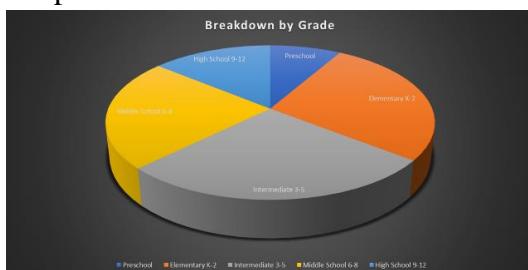
Dear Parents,

Let me begin by thanking you again for the ongoing support of your children and their teachers. The pandemic has tested and strengthened the home/school partnership in Catholic education. I am confident we will emerge stronger, more resilient and better equipped for what may come in the 2020-2021 academic year and beyond because of what we have overcome together since March 13, 2020.

Two weeks ago, many of you responded to a survey that came from the Office of Catholic Schools. Individual schools have received copies of the raw data that they will use locally to continue to refine blended learning strategies and plan for the future. Below, you will find a synopsis of the results.

Survey takeaways (Diocesan-wide)

Respondents: **4457**



Accessibility to computers/internet: **93.6%** reported adequate to very strong

* My family's Internet/WiFi connectivity situation is:				
Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Non-existent	0%	100%	9	<1 %
Weak	1%	99%	72	1.6 %
Adequate	17.5%	82.5%	780	17.5 %
Strong	36.6%	63.4%	1627	36.6 %
Very Strong	39.5%	5.5%	1755	39.5 %
No Response(s)	4.4%	0%	196	4.4 %
Totals		4439	100%	

Ability to support e-learning: **91%** positive

Schools ability to maintain community and faith during distance learning: **95%** positive

✳ During the eLearning period:

1 = Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Disagree, 5 = Strongly Disagree

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
I was able to support my children in their eLearning environment.						4234	2.0
My children had access to their own dedicated devices in which to complete their lessons (Chrome book /Pad, Desk top computer).						4234	1.8
My child was able to adapt to an eLearning environment.						4234	2.2
I was satisfied with the instruction my child received.						4234	2.3
The school communicated effectively.						4234	1.7
The school successfully maintained focus on its Catholic mission.						4234	1.7

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Openness to a modified school calendar: **59%**

✳ Looking beyond the 2020-2021 School Year, my openness to a modified school calendar (year-round school) schedule is:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely open			1111	25.0 %
Somewhat open			991	22.3 %
Neutral			553	12.4 %
Less open			659	14.8 %
Not open at all			731	16.4 %
No Response(s)			394	8.8 %
Totals		4439		100%

Preferred schedule (if we have to move to distance learning): Mornings or alternate days

✳ In the event of a staggered attendance model to adhere to physical distancing guidelines, the best option for my child to receive instruction is: (choose all that apply)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Morning			2307	57.0 %
Afternoon			997	24.6 %
Alternating full days			2809	69.4 %
Totals		4045		100%

You indicated that you would like to see professional development for teachers to improve online teaching practices and we are providing targeted training to teachers this summer for that purpose. We are also moving forward with the first phase implementation of unified learning management system for our schools

The clear message that came from all of you, regardless of location, was that you want schools to be open and safe. This is our desire as well. Guided by CDC as well as state and local public health authorities, we will be ready to welcome students back to school when permitted.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph E. Vorbach III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "J" and "E" being particularly prominent.

Joseph E. Vorbach III, PhD
Superintendent of Schools