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Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school soon.

With your cooperation, we were able to offer in-person instruction safely for the last two years while outperforming pre-COVID learning benchmarks. We will begin the 2022-2023 school year with few COVID restrictions but will still need your partnership to help ensure our schools provide a safe learning environment. By working together we can enable your teachers and school staff to remain focused on growing students academically, emotionally and spiritually.

To those ends, we ask that you pledge the following:

- I will keep my child at home if they are symptomatic or feeling ill regardless of their vaccination status.
- I will advise school leadership immediately of my child's diagnosis of a confirmed case of COVID-19 and provide the necessary information to the school representative. I will keep my child home for 5 days or until symptom-free, whichever is later, and agree to abide by all isolation guidance provided to me by the school.
- I understand that isolation guidance extends not only to school, but also to extra-curricular activities, including sports.
- I understand that when returning to school after isolation for a positive COVID diagnosis, I may choose to test my child on/after day 5 and if negative, my child may return to school mask optional. If I prefer my child not test, or my child continues to test positive, I understand that my child may return to school after isolation but must wear a mask indoors through day 10, per current health department guidance. Alternatively, my child may stay home through day 10 and return on day 11 mask optional.
- I will remind my child of good hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing and regular use of hand sanitizer.
- I will remind my child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or an elbow when sneezing or coughing, followed immediately by hand washing or sanitizing.
- I understand that my child's entire class may be required to mask for 10 days if there are periods of concentrated exposure (3 or more overlapping cases) in my child's classroom.
- I understand that my school's COVID protocols are based upon CDC and local health department guidance and, as such, are subject to change throughout the school year and agree to adhere to my school's COVID protocols.

We join Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and our bishops in praying for everyone affected by the pandemic.

Kind regards,

Office of Catholic Schools

By signing this pledge, I acknowledge that I read and understand it and I promise to follow these safety measures for the good of our Catholic school community and the common good: