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Dear Parents,

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

Last year, with your cooperation, we were able to offer in-person instruction and a full year of instruction time while preserving learning gains. This year, we will have fewer restrictions but will still need your partnership to help ensure our schools again provide a safe learning environment and remain open without undue interruption. **We ask you to read carefully the following statements and verify by signing on the line below that you understand and agree to these measures.**

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

- I will remind my child to wear a mask when required to do so in school and will provide my child with sufficient masks.
- I will keep my child at home if they are feeling ill or symptomatic regardless of their vaccination status.
- I will advise school leadership immediately and keep my unvaccinated child/children at home when exposed to a COVID-19 positive household member (close contact case) for the quarantine period as confirmed by the school representative. I understand that vaccinated children can attend school as long as they are not symptomatic.
- 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 for the COVID-19 tracker. I will abide by the isolation guidance provided by the school.
- I understand that quarantine or isolation guidance extends not only to school, but also to extra-curricular activities, including sports.
- 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.

It is our hope that complying with the guidance of public health authorities, including the current mask mandate, will keep our families and staff safe and help bring the pandemic under control. We join Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and our bishops in urging all to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and in praying for everyone affected by the pandemic.

Kind regards,

Office of Catholic Schools

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