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Dear Diocesan Educational Community,

As Superintendent of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Allentown, it is my pleasure to welcome you back for the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to see our students' joyful faces and renewed energy fill our classrooms and hallways once again. I am grateful to our school leaders and dedicated teachers for their work in preparation for the opening of school and for continuing our mission to form the hearts and minds of our students on their journey of faith and learning. It is my greatest hope that our students are inspired by their school experience to learn, live, and share their Catholic faith and be disciples of hope who will transform our world.

We begin this school year with a renewed sense of hope. The last two years brought many challenges for families and for schools. I am looking forward to seeing our school communities return to many of their beloved traditions and events that have been the hallmark of our Catholic schools.

The updates in our Health and Safety Plan reflect the most recent guidance which primarily focus on individuals who have tested positive or who have symptoms of COVID-19. Students and staff who show symptoms of COVID-19 are required to stay home and should get tested. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate at home for 5 days. The student or staff member may return to school on Day 6 if symptoms have improved and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Students and staff are encouraged to test before returning. Students and staff returning to school after isolation must wear a well-fitted mask from Days 6 through 10.

Individuals returning to school from isolation must also remain masked for sports and other extracurricular activities for Days 6-10. We will no longer identify, or quarantine close contacts and schools will not be conducting contact tracing.

School personnel will continue to encourage students to wash their hands, clean and disinfect lunch tables, desks and high-touch areas, as well as maintain a thorough maintenance program. The availability of hand sanitizer and good ventilation protocols are also encouraged.

In the Diocese of Allentown, we are committed to providing Christ-Centered, Educational Excellence in supportive, welcoming, and safe environments where all students are learning and thriving. I am honored and humbled to work with our incredible teams of educators, staff, and school leaders across the Diocese.

May God bless you and your families as we embark on this new year together.

Sincerely,

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