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Dear Catholic School Stakeholders:

The situation pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing rapidly. Please be alert for continued communications.

After a conference call this morning with state officials pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Pennsylvania, the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Greensburg is taking the following actions, effective immediately.

- All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg will be closed on Monday, March 16, for an in-service for administrators and faculty.
- All after-school activities are cancelled. This includes extracurricular activities, sports, field trips and spring musicals.
- All fund-raising events are postponed or cancelled. Schools are welcome to conduct fundraisers through a virtual platform, if desired.

All of these actions will be re-evaluated by diocesan administrators on April 1.

Our schools are preparing for the eventuality of additional actions, including the possibility of closures. If schools are unable to be in session, plans are being made to continue educating students remotely. These plans will be provided by your individual school if it becomes necessary.

In addition:

- Schools are being thoroughly cleaned daily.
- Procedures are in place to deal with communicable illnesses, and we are continually reviewing these procedures.
- Families that are traveling are requested to let their principal know where they are visiting and the length of that trip. Principals will contact their County Health Department, and we will act on the recommendations of the County Health Department to determine if students should be out of school upon return or are able to return to school immediately.

The health and safety of our students and school communities are always our highest priority. The Office of Catholic Schools has been closely monitoring and following recommendations of local and state health officials and governmental agencies, as well as the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, regarding actions to be taken to protect our school communities. The Office of Catholic Schools is receiving regular communication from these agencies and groups.

To stay continuously updated with communications, recommendations and actions taken by the Diocese of Greensburg to combat the spread of the coronavirus, text “Faith” to the number 724-305-3057 to sign-up for important text message alerts. Up-to-the-minute communication is available on all diocesan social media outlets — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram — and at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/healthalerts.

The schools in the Diocese of Greensburg are working hard to keep the students, staff, and school community safe. We appreciate your understanding and prayers as we work through this uncertain time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen Marsteller".

Dr. Maureen Marsteller
Superintendent of Catholic Schools