



October 12, 2020

Dear Monterey County Catholic School Families,

As you know, Madonna del Sasso School, Sacred Heart School and San Carlos School applied for a waiver to open for in-person instruction for kindergarten through sixth grade. I am pleased to share that each school's waiver application has been approved. I would like to extend my gratitude to principals Mr. Evans, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Bennett for completing the waiver application, to each school's Reopening Planning Team for their work on finalizing the school's 2020-2021 Operations Plan, and to Monterey County's Health Officer, Dr. Moreno, for approving our waiver application.

At any time during the school year, Dr. Moreno can require our school to close and return to all distance learning if COVID-related risks at the school or in the community necessitate such action. Additionally, Diocesan and school administration may initiate the closure of a school, if necessary, to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

We will implement our return to campus in a phased approach, and **we anticipate kindergarten through second grade returning to campus on November 2, 2020 and third through sixth grade returning on November 9, 2020.** The County is not including seventh and eighth grade at this time, so they will remain engaged in our distance learning program. A phased approach to reopening will ensure the proper training and implementation of our health and safety protocols for all staff, families and students. Your principal will be in contact with you regarding the school's specific return to campus plan.

The health and safety of staff and students remain our top priority, and we will continue to work together to further the mission of Catholic education during this time. I sincerely appreciate your partnership as we prepare to welcome our students back to the classroom.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly Cheng".

Kimberly Cheng  
Superintendent of Schools