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Dear Sacred Heart Parish School Families,

I pray this message finds you and your families safe and healthy.

As you know, Sacred Heart Parish School applied for a waiver to open for in-person instruction for kindergarten through sixth grade at the beginning of September. Health conditions in San Benito County have improved, and I am pleased to share that Sacred Heart Parish School's waiver application has been approved. I would like to extend my gratitude to Dr. McKenna for completing the waiver application and to the Reopening Planning Team for their work on finalizing the school's 2020-2021 Operations Plan.

At any time during the school year, our County Health Officer 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 October 19, 2020 and third through sixth grade returning on October 26, 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. Dr. McKenna 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,

Kimberly Cheng
Superintendent of Schools