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Dear Sacred Heart Parish School Families,

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

As you may be aware, Sacred Heart Parish School applied for a waiver to open for in-person instruction for kindergarten through sixth grade. I would like to thank Dr. McKenna for her work in putting together the waiver application and the Reopening Planning Team for their work on finalizing the school's 2020-2021 Operations Plan.

Unfortunately, given the current case rates and limited availability of testing, County Health Officer, Dr. Ghilarducci, cannot approve our waiver request for in person instruction at this time. Dr. Ghilarducci explained that San Benito County currently does not have very good control of the spread in the north county, and allowing children from multiple households to gather each day will exacerbate that situation by increasing risk to our staff and the children's households. When conditions improve, the County will reconsider our waiver application.

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 the dedication of our faculty, staff and families as we continue our distance learning program, and I remain hopeful for when we can welcome our students back to campus.

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope." – Jeremiah 29:11

Blessings,

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

Kimberly Cheng
Superintendent of Schools