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Dear Catholic School Communities,

By now, you have likely heard the news that the New York City public schools will not be opening as planned next week. ***This decision has no bearing or impact on the plans of the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York.***

As a result of the combined tireless efforts of the Catholic Schools Reopening Advisory Council and our dedicated pastors, principals and teachers, we are prepared to welcome all of our students into our buildings safely as scheduled. We expect this will not impact UPK programs in our schools, nor will it disrupt transportation or breakfast/lunch services provided by the New York City Department of Education.

This afternoon, with the support of Cardinal Dolan, I sent a letter to Chancellor Richard Carranza and Mayor Bill de Blasio informing them of our intention to move forward on schedule as well as our expectation that the New York City Department of Education would deliver the services which they are obligated to provide our Catholic school children.

As ever, I am grateful for your continued partnership in the sacred mission of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan
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