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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Tuesday, June 23, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year. This 60-page document includes a great deal of information. It will guide the Rockford Diocesan Catholic Education Office as we develop our plan to reopen schools.

We are aware of the urgency in sharing the Diocesan school reopening plan with our school families and staff members about what to expect as school starts in the fall. At this time, we are reviewing the Illinois State Board of Education's guidelines to determine how it applies to our Catholic schools. We anticipate releasing our school reopening plan as soon as possible.

The Rockford Diocese is committed to developing a school reopening plan that is safe for students and staff members. Our goal is to answer critical questions about the 2020-21 school year relative to in-person classroom instruction, scheduling, face coverings, social distancing.

The health and safety of our students and staff members as they return to the classrooms and re-engage in teaching and learning are paramount.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Catholic education. We also want to express our appreciation for your understanding as we all navigate this challenging and unprecedented situation together.

Sincerely,

*Michael Kagan*  
Superintendent

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