



July 14, 2020  
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well as we continue to confront circumstances that have challenged the resolve of all Americans as well as our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Our Consortium family has a long history of coming together to support one another and persevere through trying times.

Let me begin by thanking you for the faithful support and many prayers during the last two months of the 2019-2020 school year. I thank your children, too, who demonstrated tremendous determination, patience, and strength as we navigated that period of distance-learning. I was inspired by the feedback I received each week from our school principals. They, too, gained strength from the commitment and effort of our students, families, and teachers.

The safety and well-being of our community continue to be our first priority as we look to reopen schools next month. My thanks to you for taking time to complete our family survey, which gave us a solid understanding of your desires and concerns with regard to the first months of the school year.

Based on the results of your surveys, on the guidelines published by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, and in consultation with the Archdiocese of Washington, our Consortium school buildings are expected to open schools on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, with a modified learning model: part-time in-school instruction and part-time distance-learning. Beginning the year cautiously will allow us to account for the safety of our students, faculty, and families as well as the overall educational effectiveness of this first phase of a full return to school.

During the first week of August, you will receive communication from your school principal regarding your school's exact return-to-school schedule and other school-specific information that will assist your family with the transition to classroom instruction. Please feel free to contact your principal with any questions or concerns.

Thank you, again, for your ongoing support. Despite the current challenges we will move forward and, as always, emerge a stronger community.

Sincerely,

Vincent P. Spadoni  
President