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Dear St. Anne's School Community,

The past several months has certainly been a unique one in all of our lives. The education of our students has not been exempt from the implications of the COVID-19 virus. From March-June, our community worked together to venture into the world of remote and virtual education. Teachers, students, and families worked together to ensure the successful completion of our academic year, despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in our way. As a community, we should be proud.

Msgr. Tom and myself have been tirelessly working with our reopening leadership team to establish the safest way to educate our students at the high level that you have always received from St. Anne's School. This is all being done as we continue to wait on the final guidelines from Governor Cuomo, which were expected to have been published already. We pride ourselves on our mission to educate students to be successful in the future, while also forming them into faithful Catholic Christians. This is no easy task, but we believe that St. Anne's School delivers this year in and year out.

Based on the regulation we currently have coming from New York State, the recommendations from The Diocese of Rockville Centre, The Morning Star Initiative, a consulting company, and our Saint Anne's Leadership Team, we agree that Saint Anne's School can open 5 days a week with all students present in the school. To do this we will *likely* need to employ an At-School Learning Center model for the foreseeable future. In this model, all students will be able to safely and physically be in our building on a daily basis. On a rotating schedule students will either report to their classroom or a satellite location, within our school



building, for instruction. Teachers will instruct those students who are in their classroom as they simultaneously screen share or stream their class to those in the satellite location. Teachers will be available to answer questions of their students throughout the day. We can accommodate students at a safe six-foot distance so masks will not be needed to be worn during instruction. Masks will be needed when traveling throughout the building or when the six-foot distance can not be kept.

To ensure that those who are in the satellite location or virtually participating in classwork receive proper instruction, we have adopted the following Operational Criteria:

- 1) *Teachers will use the Google Classroom platform and Google Suite as the primary modes for education for virtual learners. Other platforms may be used when appropriate for student success.*
- 2) *When able, digital texts and resources will be utilized.*
- 3) *The same academic standards and requirements are applied to programs offered on campus and through online learning.*
- 4) *Online learning programs are coherent, complete, and offered in a sequence or configuration that allows timely completion of requirements.*
- 5) *Faculty members are responsible for the initial and ongoing development and delivery of instruction in online programs.*
- 6) *Teachers provide appropriate and flexible interaction between faculty and students and among students.*
- 7) *Distance learning programs include adequate verification of learners' work.*
- 8) *Attendance will be taken for each session.*

This is not an ideal situation, however, we at St. Anne's believe that we can bring to our students a way of learning that will be exciting, engaging, and empowering. We look forward to journeying with you as we work together to provide our students with quality learning



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experiences. If you have any questions, please send them to [schoolreopen@stannesgc.org](mailto:schoolreopen@stannesgc.org) so we can respond accordingly.

God Bless,

Paul Morisi, Principal

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