



# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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*Office of the  
Superintendent*

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this email finds you well. As we begin 2021 with hope and promise, I want to assure you of our continued commitment to you and your child(ren). As I serve as Interim Superintendent, I do so with the love and dedication for Catholic Education. Starting as a 1st grader at St. Aidan's in Williston Park and continuing through my Doctoral Degree at St. John's University, my commitment to Catholic education is unending.

Over the last month I have spoken to all our school leaders, and I could not be prouder of their dedication and tenacity during this unpredictable year. Each school's successes demonstrate the faculty's sincere personal commitment to your children. **Thank you for your trust and for your commitment to an exemplary education for your children.**

I want to emphasize that during my interim tenure I will work tirelessly to build on the tradition of providing an outstanding education to your children. Whether we are providing in-person or remote learning, our faculty are the most dedicated you will find. Having served as a faculty member in several of our schools, I know firsthand that you will not find a more superior environment than that in which you are in now.

As we begin the New Year, please know that the leadership in your school is there to support you and your child(ren) as am I. **The future is bright for our schools.**

Happy New Year and best wishes for a safe and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Denise T. Smith  
Interim Superintendent  
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