



Message from the Superintendent of Schools,
Rebecca Hammel

Are you ready...we are preparing to go back to school as scheduled in August!

We are making preparations to welcome students back to our campuses as scheduled. School may look a bit different, but we will continue to deliver learning experiences where *every* child learns, serves, leads, and succeeds in a *safe* environment.

To best prepare for our return to school, I developed a task force comprised of diocesan school principals and nurses, one an R.N. and the other a Nurse Practitioner. These professionals work with me to implement best practices according to the latest public health information. Drawing from the guidance of the Nashville plan, our principals are coordinating measures for a safe re-entry under a variety of scenarios that may presents themselves next year. Additionally, teachers continue to develop their skills to best serve all our students and ensure a seamless transition back to campus.

Finally, I am honored to be a member of Mayor Cooper's team which developed the "Nashville Plan: Framework for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School," a series of protocols that will guide Nashville schools when we are together again. The blended efforts of medical, public health, and education experts yielded a comprehensive plan that focuses on the safety of the students and teachers. I am encouraged by the work of this diverse group and look forward to the strong partnership as we navigate our way through this pandemic.

Please stay tuned for more information as we continue to monitor community conditions. I will certainly keep you apprised as the start of school approaches.