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Good evening, Catholic School communities and families,

While we had hoped to be able to return to our schools and finish the academic year in person, this afternoon Governor Abbott announced the closure of schools for the remainder of the academic year.

As we share in your disappointment at learning this news, we would like to recognize the amazing work that our principals, teachers, students and families have done during this difficult time. Change is never easy and this school year has changed the landscape of education in ways that no one could have anticipated or imagined. The faculty and school staff in our communities have been outstanding in learning new ways to innovate, share resources, and collaborate with each other for the benefit of our students. We cannot thank you enough for what you have done to ensure the educational mission of the Church, and the ongoing success of our students.

I want to let our students know that their principals, teachers and school staff have missed them **greatly** and are keeping them in their prayers every day.

This is an unprecedented time and our hearts go out to all who have been affected by this global pandemic. We look forward to the day when we are once again able to welcome students back to our campuses and into the heart of Catholic education.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, patroness of Catholic education, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston, pray for us.

In Him we trust,

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