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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On March 2, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) published guidance for childcare facilities and K-12 schools regarding the impact that the current outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) might have on their communities. That guidance is available on the NJDOH's COVID-19 Information for Schools and Businesses webpage and was disseminated by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) via special Broadcast on March 3, 2020. The guidance emphasizes that the most important thing for schools to do now is plan and prepare. Among other planning procedures, the guidance advises that "schools may be asked to close preemptively or reactively, therefore schools should be making plans for what to do if there are recommendations for closing schools or cancelling events."

The administration is working closely with faculty members to ensure that there will be minimal disruption in learning should Trenton Catholic Academy be forced to close. Teachers will be able to post appropriate materials, assignments and links to our website. Google Classroom will be employed so that teachers can post assignments and remain in contact with their students. Many of our students already have access to their textbooks online. Accommodations can be made for students who do not have internet access at home.

We are receiving guidance from the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, New Jersey Department of Education, New Jersey Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). Be assured that school desks, door knobs, banisters, and all frequently touched surfaces are consistently being cleaned and disinfected to prevent the spread of germs on a regular basis.

It is our hope that we will not need to employ these measures, but are prepared in the event of an emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Knowles". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr. Knowles

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