Dear Parents,

As you already know, Governor Pritzker has announced that school will remain closed for the rest of this school year.

We understand that this has been difficult for so many people and is not the most ideal situation. Of course, the ideal situation would be to be able to connect with our students in his or her classrooms and having students connecting with peers as they normally do.

We hoped that we would be able to bring our students back to school before year-end but that is not possible at this time. As a result of the governor's decision to close schools, we will continue with e-Distance/Learning for the remainder of the school year. We, along with our principals and teachers, are committed to providing a solid academic program that has been our tradition. We will continue to foster faith and impart knowledge.

All of our principals and teachers (including early childhood teachers) are working hard every day to develop effective e-Distance/Lesson plans. In addition, the Rockford Diocese, along with local parishes, has continued to honor all school employee contracts and that includes employee benefits. You need to know that we rely on your tuition dollars as we continue to provide academic programs to the students we serve.

We want our students to know that we are still here for them and want them to grow. We also want to thank them for staying virtually connected.

To our parents and guardians, we know that you did not plan on spending your time helping your children with schoolwork at home. We appreciate your continued support for your children, our teachers, and each other.

Our school buildings are closed for now but please know that the Rockford Catholic Education Office is here to support the principals and teachers as they work with the students they serve.

We look forward to the day when we all can be together once again.

Sincerely,

Mike Kagan Superintendent of Schools Vito C. DeFrisco Assistant Superintendent

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