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Our Mother of Consolation Parish School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week, we provided you with information on our plan for opening the 2020-21 academic year with in-person and virtual learning options. We also re-surveyed you, and had faculty/staff discussions, for additional input in helping us to better understand everyone's concerns regarding the plan. The feedback we received has been essential in helping us balance health and safety with our broader mission to educate our students.

During our faculty discussion, we learned of some concerns that will necessitate adjustments to our reopening plan and will delay the start of in-person learning for our students. Due to this situation, we will begin school on **Monday, September 14**, as follows:

- **Grades 1 to 8** will begin **virtually** on **Monday, September 14 thru Friday, September 25, 2020**, using the School Reopening Guidance and Procedures for virtual learning that you received. During this time, all OMC faculty will teach virtually from their classroom with no students in the room. This will be a full school day as outlined in the School Reopening Guidance and Procedures for virtual learning. Specific information will be sent by your child's teacher.
- **Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten** will begin **in-person** on **Monday, September 14, 2020**, using the School Reopening Guidance and Procedures that you received, and the information sent by your child's teacher.

Our goal is to begin in-person learning on **Monday, September 28**, for those students in grades 1-8 who previously chose it, while continuing virtual learning for those students who chose this model. By delaying in-person learning until September 28, we will have time to address these personnel concerns before we move to in-person teaching.

We apologize for notifying you of this change at this late date, and for the inconvenience to those who chose in-person learning. Beginning the school year virtually was not what we had intended or planned. However, addressing the concerns of our faculty, while providing a consistent and quality learning experience for our students, necessitates this modified opening. Again, we apologize for the inconvenience and we kindly ask for your understanding.

In order to answer your questions about these modifications, we will host a ZOOM meeting for parents on **Monday, August 24 at 7 PM**. Instructions for joining the virtual meeting will be emailed on Monday, August 24.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we advance a reopening plan that maximizes learning for our students, addresses the needs of our faculty/staff, protects the health and well-being of all, and ensures everyone's safety.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Bazzoli, OSFS
Pastor

Mrs Patricia Sheetz
Principal