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Dear Families:

We hope that you are staying well during these challenging times. The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has created unusual and uncertain times for all of us, and your patience during this time has been appreciated.

We have been working diligently to fulfill our promise in this new environment, and we continue our dedication to growth and instruction for our students. When schools initially closed on March 13, we transitioned to distance learning on the next school day. Our schools have continued to adapt, learning what has been working and what needs refinement, and we are grateful for all that our families and school personnel have done to support our students throughout this time. Now that the Governor has closed schools indefinitely, principals will be sharing the plan for the 4th marking period at the end of the week. This information will include plans for instruction of new material, due dates for assignments and assessments, use of technology, and continued communication with families.

Almost every business and industry has been challenged in unique ways, and the Diocese of Scranton is no different. Facing reduced funds coming from our parishes and reductions in tuition revenue, we implemented some initial difficult, but necessary cost-saving measures in our effort to maintain a sustainable school system that will allow us to provide a continuation of education during this uncertain time.

We know many of you are facing uncertain financial times. We are offering our currently enrolled families in good standing the following:

- With full appreciation that the current educational environment is different, we will be providing tuition credits for the 2020-2021 year in the amount of 10% of the current year rates. The amount will be automatically applied to your 2020-2021 tuition schedule.
- Fees such as fundraising, graduation, etc. have been put on hold for the time being. We will be pro-rating 2019-2020 fees and applying credits to your accounts for the current year.
- We previously sent an email regarding additional registration incentives for families to register for the early-registration discount for 2020-2021. This includes waiving registration fees for those who register before April 14, and offering the lower tuition schedule for your respective tuition category.

While we realize the delivery of content is not classroom based, we continue to offer the best opportunity for our students to learn remotely. Therefore, in light of the above incentive, tuition payments for this year will remain as scheduled in our effort to ensure our full-time faculty and administration continue to be paid for the continued instruction they are providing.

If you have already been impacted financially and finding it difficult to make tuition payments, please contact the tuition associate for your respective school found at the bottom of this letter.

We continue to keep the health, safety and well-being of all of the members of our Catholic School Family in our prayers. Let us all pray that St. Joseph continues to watch over and protect us.

Sincerely,

Jason Morrison
Diocesan Secretary of Education/CEO

Kristen Donohue
Superintendent of Schools

Our Mission - to inspire faith, learning and service
Our Vision - to promote responsible leadership in our Church and our world

Tuition Associate Contact Information:

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- Good Shepherd Academy
- Holy Cross High School
- Holy Redeemer High School
- La Salle Academy
- Our Lady of Peace School
- St. Jude School
- St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School
- St. Nicholas/St. Mary School

Tara Adams - Tara-Adams@dioceseofscranton.org

- Msgr. McHugh School
- Notre Dame Elementary School
- Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School
- St. John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School
- St. John Neumann Elementary School

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- All Saints Academy
- Epiphany School
- Holy Family Academy
- Holy Rosary School
- St. Agnes School
- St. Clare/St. Paul School
- Wyoming Area Catholic School