



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON  
Department of Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents,

I write to you today from the same position we were in nearly two weeks ago. In our short term hope and excitement of continuing in-person learning, we learned on Sunday that the Sixth Circuit Court granted Governor Beshear's request for a stay of his executive order. This means we cannot return to school on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> as planned and will have to continue NTI.

As you know from my previous letter, our intention is to continue in-person learning. Our students and staff have done a great job following the protocols in school to ensure everyone's safety and we are grateful for your support of these efforts. We do ask during this time that you continue to report student and household positive cases to your principal so we can continue monitoring the situation and be fully prepared when we are able to return to school.

As the reality of this situation settles in, I am left with sadness over what our children will miss over these next few weeks. We have just started the Advent season. During this time our children would have attended Mass, spent time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We would have prayed and taught the lessons of Advent as a faith community to help prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. While I know firsthand that NTI adds stress to families, I do hope you will be able to help your child(ren) participate in these Advent traditions.

Please continue to monitor your child(ren) during this time away from school and let us know if we can support them in any way. Our older students are especially vulnerable to the isolation and loneliness of NTI and all students can struggle with academics when they are learning alone. Since in-person "targeted services" are permitted, we can schedule meetings with school counselors and provide academic support services for those who are able to transport their children to school for these short periods of intervention.

As always, I ask that you continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and all those who are suffering as a result of it. We have many neighbors suffering physically and mentally and those who are struggling with job losses and financial burdens. Many are also struggling with the continuous changes this pandemic brings each day. It is only through God where we can truly find comfort from our burdens, so let us turn to Him during this time and remember to reach out to our neighbors in need, just as Jesus would.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kendra McGuire  
Superintendent of Schools