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For the fall of 2020 in response to the  
Covid-19 Pandemic

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### Introduction

The plan we are presenting is the representation of the collective efforts of our Parish and School Task Force to provide our students with the best and safest education in our return to school during the Covid-19 Pandemic. As stated previously, our top priorities are the safety and well-being of EVERYONE at school while having the students physically present in school as much as possible.

### Teamwork

While this plan is comprehensive, it is impossible to meet the concerns and wishes of everyone in our school community. We were able to use the responses we received from the parent survey to get a better idea of your concerns for the fall. We hope that you can understand these decisions were made in the best interests of the overall school community.

Your mindset and attitude will affect your children. While there may be things that some families may disagree with, it is important to present a positive attitude to our children. Our approach will have a tremendous impact on how our children feel - we need to make the best out of a difficult situation. If we can work together, we can make this a very successful school year!

### Patience and Flexibility

It is important that we all remain patient and flexible with this plan. Our Task Force has discussed many different situations and plans, but there is no way that we can plan for everything. There will be things that are out of our control and we will just have to do our best when those things arise.

### Levels of the Plan

Our plan is made up of four levels that can be implemented throughout the school year, depending on how things proceed. The following pages contain a summary of each level, followed by more detailed plans to be used by our faculty and staff. We are sharing both with you so you are familiar with the steps being taken this year. Decisions regarding levels will be determined jointly by the Parish and School staffs and communicated to our families immediately.

### Inherent Risk

Even with our best efforts, the risk of contracting the Covid-19 virus is possible. By coming to school, there is an accepted risk involved. Our Family/Student Handbook will be updated to include a statement of risk that is assumed by coming to school during a pandemic. While risk remains, there is greater detriment to our students' overall development by remaining at home. In-person learning is the best way for our students to succeed overall.