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Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

We continue to closely monitor the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Florida. While we have seen record-breaking infection rates in recent weeks due to the Omicron Variant, rates are now declining rapidly. We project that these declines will continue in the coming days. As such, we are tentatively planning to restore opt-outs for masks beginning *Friday, January 28*. This opt-out would apply to fully vaccinated students and families that have previously submitted a Parent Consent for Student Opt-Out Form.

We plan to confirm whether we will restore mask opt-outs through an announcement midway through the coming week. In the meantime, students and employees should continue to wear masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status or any parental consent to opt-out.

Please see the attached information which elaborates further on our masking approach. This form also describes some updates in our COVID isolation and quarantine protocols.

I am hopeful that we are moving beyond the current COVID surge. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, and for all who have been directly impacted.

Yours in Christ,

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