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TO: Frassati Parents and Guardians and Staff
FR: Mr. Gallivan
RE: WBLAS Announcement of Distance Learning for all K-12 District Students

On November 13, 2020, I communicated to you that all district students in the White Bear Lake Area Schools would be moving to distance learning effective Monday, November 30, 2020. In response to that decision, and after consultation with our staff and leadership, Frassati will maintain our learning model of in-person learning.

Priorities guiding our decision-making:

- ❖ The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff are the most important factors.
- ❖ Children learn and develop best with in-person learning.
- ❖ The hybrid model (a combination of in-person and distance learning) is not a consideration at Frassati Catholic Academy.

Do the district changes affect bus transportation to and from Frassati?

- ✓ Yes, the district will not provide free bus transportation for non-public school students when district students are required to be on distance learning. Therefore, we will not have bus transportation beginning on November 30, 2020.

Do the district changes affect our hot lunch program?

- ✓ No, hot lunch will continue to be served.

Will there be changes to the school schedule and calendar?

- ✓ More information will be communicated over Thanksgiving break.

What would cause Mr. Gallivan and Father Talbot to move to distance learning?

- ✓ Direct exposure of students to a peer or staff member who has tested positive for the virus could result in the short-term closure of a grade level, grade levels or school.
- ✓ Staffing shortages caused by teachers/staff contracting the virus or being in quarantine

What would distance learning look like?

- ✓ Distance learning would be four (4) days per week Monday-Thursday.
- ✓ Students in grades 3-8 would use Google Classroom as their primary learning platform.
- ✓ Students in preschool – grade 2 would use SeeSaw as their primary learning platform.
- ✓ Students would receive a mix of video instruction as well as live teaching.
- ✓ Teachers would be on site 3 days each week to increase collaboration and guard against technology issues for teachers and families.
- ✓ The academic day would be 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.