



DIOCESE *of* SACRAMENTO
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Memorandum

April 1, 2020

From: Lincoln Snyder

To: All

Re.: Response to State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Letter of Yesterday

Dear Catholic School Community:

I have received questions from many of you about a letter that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction released yesterday, and thought it was important for me to respond. In that letter, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond states,

"Due to the current safety concerns and needs for ongoing social distancing it currently appears that our students will not be able to return to school campuses before the end of the school year."

For our part, school is in session through Distance Learning, and we look forward to being back on campus as soon as the public health authorities tell us that it is safe to do so. We have followed the lead of county and federal authorities in our decision to remain in Distance Learning mode, with campuses closed to students, through May 1. There is a chance that we will not be back on that date; at the same time, I do not want to commit our system to remaining closed longer than is necessary. A lot can happen in a month. In the meantime, we are prepared to continue to educate your students through Distance Learning, and we are also prepared to be back in school as soon as possible. We will continue to work with public health authorities, and I will keep you updated as our country's response to COVID-19 evolves.

Thank you for your understanding, and thank you for your support of Catholic education.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LINCOLN SNYDER". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lincoln Snyder
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