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Dear Parents:

I am happy to inform you that St. Ambrose Catholic School has updated its reopening plan for this coming school year. Under the guidance and oversight of Father Fisher, the Administration team, Shawn Camargo, the Office of Catholic Schools, the Virginia Health Department, and the Virginia Council for Private Education, we have developed our initial **Updated School Reopening Plan** for the 2021-2022 school year.

I remain focused on providing the safest environment for our students, faculty and staff, families, and visitors as we continue to navigate the effects of the Covid-19 virus. While we will continue to follow some guidelines and protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, our Catholic identity and faith formation will continue to be at the heart of who we are and what we do each day. Thank you in advance for your support and trust as I outline our Updated School Reopening Plan for the coming school year. Much time and effort has been spent in providing nothing but the best plan for our school community. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, families, and visitors continues to be my top priority in every detail.

This Updated Plan's main objective is to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students in a healthy and safe environment. Under the Updated Plan, all students, faculty, staff and visitors are expected to wear a face-covering and adhere to three feet of social distancing while the mixing of the students is lifted. As recommended by The Virginia Health Department, face-covering and social distancing will help us mitigate the risk of COVID-19, particularly the Delta variant. The Updated Plan also accommodates students who become infected with COVID-19 and are in quarantine by providing distance learning opportunities as needed.

As a parent with school-age children, I know the high level of anxiety and challenges this new Delta variant represents to all of us. So given the fluidity of the pandemic situation, I will be in constant communication with you to inform you of any updates or changes on our Updated School Reopening Plan.

I look forward to your partnership to support our students in their Catholic education. I appreciate your flexibility as we diligently work to advance always.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada
Principal
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