

Dear Manhattan Catholic School Families and Staff,

This afternoon, Governor Laura Kelly announced that all Kansas schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year to combat the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, in our communities. With Gov. Kelly's decision, we can move forward to develop more concrete plans for how to handle the coming weeks. Randy Watson, Education Commissioner, and KSDE has convened a Continuous Learning Committee to develop a comprehensive plan to assist districts in delivering education to students while school buildings remain closed. Their recommendations will be announced tomorrow afternoon. Dr. Compagnone has been in contact with all principal's in the Salina Diocese and is working with KSDE on planning for the remainder of the school year. We will have more information in the coming days.

There are many questions that we simply do not yet have answers for at this time. With the state's guidance, directives from the Salina Diocese Education Office and with the dedication, innovation and creativity of our staff and families here at MCS, I am confident that the next few days will bring clarity around many of these questions.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time.

In Christ's Love,

Scott Hulshoff