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Dear STA Parents,

With the rapidly evolving circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 situation, Mr. David Thibault, Superintendent, in conjunction with Bishop Libasci, has decided that Catholic schools in NH should move to a remote learning model until minimally, March 27, 2020.

He states, "In light of the new case of COVID-19 in Manchester, some very recent reports of self-quarantining by Catholic school community members due to possible exposure, the number of public school system closures throughout New Hampshire, and recent counsel from medical advisors, our Diocesan Catholic schools will be transitioning to remote learning for a two-week period until March 27, 2020. This short-term use of remote instruction will allow for further understanding of the local impact of COVID-19 and the time necessary to discern future actions."

MONDAY, March 16, 2020 - St. Thomas Aquinas School will be closed Monday, March 16, 2020, to allow teachers and staff to finalize all schedules and put into practice all our remote resources. No schoolwork is assigned to students on Monday. By late afternoon, teachers will email "online classroom" schedules to all parents for their own planning. The online classroom schedule will include class times and information about how students should join each of their online classrooms.

TUESDAY, March 17, 2020 – Remote Classrooms will begin. Teachers will open their online classrooms based on their scheduled times. All students will be expected to join each class, again, based on their schedule. As technical issues are discovered, they will be addressed. Teachers will use this time to review with their students how this new classroom environment will work. Students will be able to ask any questions they may have.

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020 – We expect all technical issues to be addressed by now, and teachers and students will begin their lessons and work.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will have an open Tech Support Conference call. Any parent or student can send an email or join this online meeting to ask questions and resolve problems. All technology related questions can always be emailed to technology@staderry.com.

At a time like this, we remember our school's Mission Statement is to be *Dedicated to the spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual development of our students.* Please know every one of us here at St. Thomas Aquinas School are dedicated to just that. We will find new ways to make this a very educational time, along with a very positive experience in all other ways as well.

Please join us in praying for our extended school community. And please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything I can do to help during this time. Let us, too, join in praying along with Mr. Thibault, for all those affected by this virus.

God bless you,

Patricia Berthiaume

Ms. Berthiaume