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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Novel Influenza A (H1N1) continues to be a topic of immense importance for all of us associated with the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We want to assure everyone, however, that we continue to monitor the situation very closely.

Our central office administrators, in cooperation with our elementary and secondary school presidents and principals, are communicating regularly about the topic and we are developing plans to both prevent the spread of the virus and to intervene properly during any anticipated spread of the disease at the local school level. Throughout the past several months, we have gathered information on a regular basis and we have been provided appropriate updates from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Center for Disease Control.

As the 2009-2010 school year begins, you may access the Department for Catholic Schools website for more updated information. At the local school level, each elementary and secondary principal will be providing you with more information about our overall plans and the school's specific plans in assisting our families with any healthrelated issues, especially with the H1N1 virus.

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert L. Paserba, Superintendent for Catholic Schools