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Dear School Administrators, Staff & School Families,

Bishop Malloy has approved the following directives for dissemination by the Catholic Education Office:

- Beginning on Monday, March 16, classes at all Diocesan elementary and high school facilities are to be suspended until at least March 30, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated, and further directives will be provided. During this time period, however, schools are expected to put into place e-learning/distant learning protocols.
- The suspension of on-site classes also includes ALL athletic, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities both on and off-site. The suspension of these athletic, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities is to begin immediately and will be re-evaluated at the same time the school situation is re-evaluated.

Administrators, we recommend that during the next two weeks that you direct your school or parish maintenance staff to do a deep cleaning of your school facility and that you also limit access to your building.

Families & staff, we ask that if anyone is planning on traveling outside the continental United States during the upcoming spring break that you inform your school administrator and place yourself on a 14-day self-quarantine when you return. This is important because you will not be allowed to return to school until that period of time has elapsed. And the quarantine period begins the day you return from the trip.

Because this is an ever-evolving situation, there may be more information and directives that will be communicated to you through School Speak, parishes, social media, and the diocesan website. Also, please check your e-mail regularly.

Let us pray for all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, both directly and indirectly, and to an end to this outbreak.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to manage this current pandemic.

God bless you all,
The Staff of the Catholic Education Office