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School Leaders,

Hope you have all had a calm and restful weekend. Time away from the computer!!!!!!

There was big news on Monday! This opens up more questions which we may or may not have answers to at this time but will research, collect your thinking and communicate with you. Our 7:30am ZOOM meetings with all of you are a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and learn from one another. All are welcome!

I thought I would touch base with you on items that are of interest or you have asked about over the past week. As always if I have not been clear or forgot an item don't hesitate to let me know.

**Governor Press Conference** The Governor just announced that our schools will be closed through the end of the school year. We will continue to monitor the data, and to review the announcements coming from the Governor's office. If there is a chance to return, we will pursue it! There is a Private Schools Task Force currently reviewing the full scope of the Governor's message and how it relates to private schools going forward.

**Federal Program Participation-** The **deadline to let the OSPI know that you want to participate in Federal Programs is April 15.** This is where you mark your interest in receiving funds under Title 1, Title IIA, Title III and Title IV. Mark all of these funds. If you don't say "YES" now you cannot go back later and request the funds. You must apply through the EDS portal <https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/OspiSts/identity/login?signin=fe9fad04d631d1e6f16ed47722dbedfc> Each school has a username and a password. (If you do not contact your local school district asap)

**Tuition Language** Parents may be asking, "Why should I be paying tuition when my child is not in school?" Tuition would still be collected during this time of continuous learning because the staff is and will continue to provide relevant instructional lessons and materials for students during this extended remote learning format. Staff is assigning and monitoring student progress and making adjustments on a daily basis just as they would if in the classroom setting. Should parents or students need assistance staff is available Monday through Friday during our normal school hours by email to assist. Staff continues to be paid to provide your child with meaningful age appropriate learning. In addition, there are also costs involved with copying packets, licensing for addition coverage or time with some applications. Principals may ask parents what the parents can do with their tuition payments. If we start by asking parents what they can do, then we encourage them to take a step and continue with us....even if it needs to be reduced a lot but not completely. Help them prioritize – tuition is important because they are receiving services now. We are grateful for your continued support.

**Paycheck Protective Program Application, Q and A** Attached is the document for how to apply for the PPP loans. Know that **religious organizations are eligible** to apply for the PPP. See the U.S. Small Business Association article on the 19-20 Principals Meetings Trello Board <https://trello.com/b/mbpsO9k2/2019-2020-principal-meetings> . You will also find a Q&A to help understand the loan. We are still awaiting the language on the federal government's distribution of K-12 Emergency Relief Funds. On a call today with our Ombudsmen in Olympia the discussion centered on encouraging their advocacy in limiting the strings attached, what constitutes equitable services, the timeline for expenditures, how to protect our funds from this year by allowing carry over and to ensure our schools can access the Relief Funds and not tie to participation in Title Federal Programs. More to come!!

**Social Media Policy-** This is the website for the Archdiocese social media policy. <http://archspvms/Social%20Networking%20Policies/Chancery%20Social%20Media%20Policies%20FINAL%20v9b%20209-9-11.pdf#search=social%20media> The policy offers guidance for staff when working with students online. Also rely on your agreements for student's appropriate use of technology in the school that families and students sign at the beginning of the year.

**Cloth Face Masks-** The Washington State Department of Health and the CDC now recommend that we wear cloth face coverings in public places where we cannot reliably stay six feet away from other people. As faculty and staff come and go from school to do their work during COVID-19 consider recommending that staff wears masks to protect themselves and help stop the spread of the virus. Having our staff wear masks is another layer of protection and helps if the job unavoidably brings staff within six feet of each other. DOH thinks cloth face coverings may reduce additional spread, but, still, the best way to prevent spread of COVID-19 is washing your hands thoroughly and frequently, not touching your face, and staying at home as much as possible. On one call the Archbishop asked if any of our ministries were making

masks? Please let me know if your school or parish is engaged in making masks.

**Take a Break** Thank you for all the work you and your staffs have done. It truly is remarkable and truly is humbling to see the courage, creativity, determination, strength and perseverance demonstrated in providing continuous learning for all our students.

As we move through Holy Week I leave you with this thought:

*“Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.”*

— Pope Francis

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