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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This has been a summer unlike any other. The SHG Administration, Faculty, and Board of Directors have been actively preparing for our return to school on a daily basis. In addition to the usual preparation, this planning includes constant surveillance of updated CDC, IDPH, ISBE, SCHD and Diocesan guidance. We continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 pandemic per IDPH Region 3 and Sangamon County data.

After sharing our SHG Reopening Plan, we surveyed our families. As of closing, we had 506 responses. The data revealed a significant majority, 87% of our families, are comfortable with return to SHG for in-person instruction. 1.4% of families indicated that they had a household member with increased vulnerability and that they would prefer an online option. We are pleased to be able to meet the needs of both groups.

The most frequent question that arose in the survey was regarding a possible transition to online education: How will the decision be made?

The SHG Administration and Board will use the following information to make any decisions regarding a transition to online education.

- Continued review of CDC, IDPH, ISBE, SCHD, Diocesan or other pertinent guideline changes
- Active monitoring of COVID-19 IDPH statistics for Region 3 and Sangamon County
- Active tracking of the percentage of students/faculty out on quarantine/isolation
- Active tracking of confirmed or probable COVID cases in the student body/faculty in accordance with SCHD and IDPH guidance
- Any investigation by SCHD or IDPH of possible outbreak
- Any request from the SHG Administration to convene the Board and consider a learning transition

If any external authority (state/local/IDPH/SCHD/etc.) mandate a transition to online education, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will comply.

This is undoubtedly a time of daily, sometimes hourly, change and uncertainty. We thank you for your support of the SHG Administration, Faculty and Staff. We appreciate your patience as we all navigate through the reopening of SHG, and as we see our way through the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

The SHG Board of Directors