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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Re: Reverting to Full Virtual

Compliments of the season!

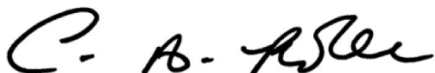
Pursuant to a letter sent by individual Catholic schools, The Ministry of Education, Technical and Vocational Training mandated that all public and private schools in The Commonwealth of the Bahamas reopen using a virtual model in January, 2022.

Consequently, all Catholic schools will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 as planned, but in a virtual format and using Google Classroom as the digital platform. The Ministry of Health will advise when schools may reopen using a hybrid model. Once confirmed, the information along with the schedule for your child or children's grade level(s) will be shared.

School offices will reopen to the public on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Thank you for your patience. Our prayers for an end to the pandemic and the well-being of all families shall continue. We wish you a healthy, prosperous and peaceful new year.

Sincerely,



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Technical and Vocational Training
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Press Release

Re: Reopening of Schools in 2022

The Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training (MOETVT) earnestly pursued the reopening of schools on a hybrid basis in January of 2022 allowing students to return to on-campus learning for the first time since the start of the 2021/2022 school year. Pursuant to this objective, there has been consultation with stakeholders including teachers and administrators unions, and the Bahamas Public Service Union.

Further, the repair of schools has been undertaken on an accelerated basis with the Ministry being given the assurance from contractors that all schools will be ready to receive students on January 11th, 2022.

However, in light of what is being described as the country's fourth wave of COVID-19, and acting on the advice of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training has decided that all public and private schools (including preschools and daycare facilities) may only reopen in January 2022 on a fully virtual basis (i.e. no in-person learning activities). This decision will be revisited within the next fourteen (14) days at which time a further assessment will be conducted in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

In the interim, the MOETVT will execute its plan for education recovery for those thousands of students who have been absent from school for a sustained period of time. Going forward, we will intensify our partnership with parents and guardians to ensure that our children are given the best possible opportunities to maximize their potential despite the myriad of challenges.