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IMPORTANT: Update to 2021 Transition Periods

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Dear PVNC Catholic Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the Christmas season, I wanted to provide some important information for families about the next transition date for switching between in-person and virtual school.

We have decided that the upcoming transition date on **Feb. 2, 2021** will be the <u>final</u> transition date for the school year, the last opportunity parents have to make the switch from in-person learning to the Virtual School or from the Virtual School to in-person learning.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel the final transition period scheduled for April 22, 2021, meaning that the learning model your child is enrolled in as of Feb. 2, 2021 will be the learning model they stay in until the end of the school year.

Quite simply, each transition period puts an enormous strain on schools and the Board. It is the equivalent of starting a new school year mid-stream. It means classrooms need to be reshuffled, teachers need to be reassigned and it causes a great deal of disruption for students, educators, school administrators and families during an already turbulent time in education.

In order to limit this disruption throughout the remainder of this school year, we will be proceeding with one final transition period.

Tomorrow afternoon, we will be sending out information and a link to our transition form for the Feb. 2, 2021 transition. The deadline for this form will be <u>Jan. 12, 2021</u>. We want to make sure that students, parents and guardians have ample time over the holiday break to consider this decision. This form will also be available on the Board's <u>website</u>.

If you <u>DO NOT</u> wish to switch your child from in-person learning to Virtual school or from Virtual school to in-person learning, you <u>DO NOT</u> have to do anything. Your child will remain in their current learning mode.

As outgoing Director of Education, I want to take this opportunity to thank our school communities, our students and our families for your patience and collaboration as we have navigated the first four months of this school year together.

Sincerely,

Michael Nasello

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