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Subject: Siena Mid-Quarter Update: October 2020

Hello Siena families!

I hope that you are all doing well and your children have reacclimated to the new school routines. We are halfway through the first quarter of the 2020-21 academic year and we would like to hear about your school experiences to date. Please fill out [this survey](#) in regards to Learn From School and Learn From Home. We value your input as we make plans for the remainder of 2020-21!

We are incredibly proud of the extraordinary work that has been done by our teachers, staff, and administration to keep our schools open and safe. The continued vigilance of adults and students alike - self-screening, in-person screening, routine sanitization, masks, and social distancing - has been invaluable. All of these things take a great deal of time, and I want to acknowledge the work of teachers in particular. We cannot thank our teachers and staff enough for going above and beyond for the sake of our students.

While three of our six schools have experienced a positive case, we have worked hard to minimize the impact on others. Being able to track illnesses and symptoms, use assigned seating, and follow social distancing guidelines to the best of our abilities has allowed us to respond quickly with contact tracing and sanitization. I am so grateful for the work of our principals, Director of Facilities Mike Rittgers, and in particular our maintenance and custodial staff, who continue to do what is necessary to keep our schools clean and safe!

We have had some challenges, as well. In particular, engagement and attendance from some Learn From Home students is not what it should be. While our teachers will continue to work with students and parents/guardians to address this individually, it is important to note the following:

- Cameras will now be required to remain on for any student who is Learning From Home.
- Students who continue to struggle with engagement and academic performance, after discussions with his/her teacher(s) and counselors, may be required by the school principal to Learn From School.

Our goal is to ensure our students' achievement, spiritual growth, and healthy development. We are grateful for everything you are doing at home to support our learners.

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences are coming up! Please remember that these conferences will be virtual, and family participation is required. We look forward to sharing feedback on your child's learning with you.

Again, thank you all for your continued work, partnership with us, and prayers.

Blessings in Christ,



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