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Bishop Joseph V. Brennan  
1550 N Fresno Street  
Fresno, California 93703

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you because I am disheartened and my spirit is sorrowful.

As the principal of St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, I am very much afraid our school and many others in the diocese will have to close permanently if they do not open in August or soon thereafter.

I understand the diocese is trying to be prudent by planning for alternative methods of delivering instruction, but if the Catholic schools do not open their campuses in the fall, Catholic education is in jeopardy. Families have been patient with online instruction so far, but they will not continue to do so indefinitely. Many families will enroll their children in public school or will choose to homeschool because they can't afford to pay for childcare and tuition. Can our schools survive this loss in enrollment?

May I suggest a bolder approach? Why not simply plan for the schools to open as usual in August?

This approach would project confidence to our staff and families.

If something happens that we must postpone opening, we will deal with it then as we did in the spring. Many of us believe that if the Governor tries to keep California schools and businesses closed through the fall, the President will override his decision. Let's assume and pray for the best.

One last point, when our schools are opened, please keep in mind that we will follow all reasonable recommended health and safety practices. We only want what is best for our students and families and so many are suffering emotionally right now with online distance learning and social isolation. We are confident we will be able to meet the guidelines the CDC released for the reopening of our schools.

Thank you, Bishop Brennan, for your attention to our concerns.

Yours in Him,

*Jamie M. Perkins*

Jamie M. Perkins, Principal  
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cc: Mona Faulkner, Superintendent

I am joined by the following parents, educators, and supporters of Catholic Education, who also feel that our school is in danger if we do not plan for an August reopening.

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