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DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we begin the 2026-2027 school year, I want to thank you for choosing Catholic education. As parents, educators, and members of our Catholic school community, we share a sacred responsibility: to ensure that every child entrusted to our care is known, valued, respected, and protected.

The safety and well-being of our students must always be at the heart of our mission. Diocese of Oakland Catholic schools are places where children learn, grow in faith, develop their gifts, and build meaningful relationships with Christ and one another in an environment of dignity, trust, respect, and appropriate boundaries.

For this reason, our schools are committed to strengthening our existing Safe Environment policies and practices in accordance with California Senate Bill 848, the Safe Learning Environments Act. Enacted in 2025, SB 848 establishes additional requirements and guidance for all school employees and volunteers designed to prevent and respond to misconduct and child abuse. In order to volunteer with children, adults must complete the following:

- All volunteers have created a Virtus account at Virtus.org
- All volunteers have Live Scan fingerprint clearance in Virtus prior to volunteering with children
- All volunteers have completed the *annual* safe environment with mandated reporter training in Virtus prior to volunteering with children
- All volunteers have negative TB test or TB risk assessment questionnaire

Our principals and Safe Environment coordinators are responsible for ensuring all components of the Diocesan Safe Environment and SB848 requirements are met before volunteers work with students. Your cooperation, partnership and trust are critical to maintaining a safe and nurturing school site for all learners.

At your service,

Dr. Andrew T. Currier
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