



FROM SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL R. BUELL

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Dear GTACS faculty, staff, and families,

Yesterday, in response to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extension of restrictions on in-person learning for high schools, the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools (MANS) joined a lawsuit seeking an injunction allowing nonpublic high schools to remain open.

Information about the lawsuit and its basis is available in the document links below:

[Diocese of Gaylord News Release – December 8, 2020](#)

[Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools News Release – December 7, 2020](#)

Grand Traverse Catholic Schools, while not a plaintiff in the lawsuit, is a member of MANS and therefore, would be impacted by the court's decision. We are hopeful that court's decision will allow us to continue to make decisions regarding the education of our students at the local level, which has proven successful thus far.

A decision on the injunction, which was filed in federal court, is expected to come within the next few days. High schools in the Diocese of Gaylord must remain closed to in-person learning at this time.

We will keep you apprised of this pending legal action and ask for your prayers for just decisions that protect the common good along with our religious rights and freedoms.