



August 27, 2020

Dear Mercy families,

It has been so exciting to welcome our newest students and some of their Mercy sisters to the Mercy High School campus this week. Although the school year promises to be most unusual, we are deeply committed to providing your daughter with a rigorous and robust education that reflects our Mercy values. It has been a delight to hear the laughter of Mercy Girls on our campus over the last several days!

We watched Governor Larry Hogan's press conference this afternoon with great interest. We join with Governor Hogan in his desire to return students to some in-person instruction as soon as possible. The Mercy PACE model we have chosen to implement as we begin this year allows us to gradually introduce in-person activities in a very prudent fashion.

We also heard Dr. Karen Salmon, Maryland state superintendent of schools, strongly encourage public school districts to reevaluate their mode of instruction at the end of their first quarter of the school year, which is in early November. As we shared in our last letter to you, we will be evaluating our plans as the first month of the school year progresses.

As more information becomes available, we will, of course, be in touch with you.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Lennon".

Mary Beth Lennon '85  
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne A. Blakeslee".

Jeanne A. Blakeslee  
Principal

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ella Franz Marion".

Mary Ella Franz Marion '76  
Dean of Students