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Dear ACT Member,

As you are all very much aware, this past week has been a whirlwind of unanswered questions and growing anxieties. Unfortunately, we are far from finished with COVID-19.

In July 2019, a law was passed in the State of Pennsylvania allowing credit for up to five days of Flexible Instruction if a building was closed for snow or a building problem. ACT and OCE worked for a number of months on how instruction would be available to our students in the event schools were closed.

In December 2019, the Association and the System drew up a Memorandum of Understanding concerning Flexible Instructional Days. The System never got back to ACT until early March about signing the Memorandum and that was only after the Association asked the System about having the Memo in place before the concerns surrounding Coronavirus elevated. The Memorandum was finally signed on March 3, 2020.

COVID-19 has quickly put everything on steroids. During this past week, ACT and OCE have been working again on flexible instruction, at this point to develop ways to provide instructional time that might be lost should schools be closed for several weeks as those of you in Montgomery County were just told yesterday, followed by the remainder of Archdiocesan schools today.

A copy of the March 3, 2020 Memorandum is attached. The only section that required a change as a result of the recent COVID-19 developments was Section 1 and that change is only for Coronavirus. The Association has agreed that teachers will provide assignments for the length of time that schools remain closed as a result of Coronavirus concerns. All other provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on March 3, 2020 remain in effect.

As always, ACT will keep you updated as things progress.

Our prayers are with you and your family that you stay healthy during this difficult time.

If you have any questions, please contact the ACT Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita".

Rita C. Schwartz
President