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**To: All Church-School Congregations of the Eastern American Diocese**  
**Subject: Guidelines on Opening Church and Serbian Schools**

*Very Reverend, Reverend and Venerable Fathers,  
Respected Executive Board Members,  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

The Diocesan Council of the Eastern American Diocese, at its regular meeting on August 29, 2020 reviewed frequent inquiries on re-opening Church and Serbian Schools. Following deliberation, the Diocesan Council rendered the following:

**DECISION**

**MINUTES VII.E:**

**PARISHES AND CHURCH-SCHOOL CONGREGATIONS:**

To allow the **re-opening of Church Schools and Serbian Schools**, **contingent upon** each respective Church-School Congregations strictly following and observing CDC, local school and government COVID-19 requirements and guidelines, taking into consideration space limitations of classrooms (using larger hall spaces with social distancing and the wearing of masks), insurance and the like, due to liability issues. At the same time, to encourage Church-School Congregations to explore options for virtual Church and Serbian School and to recommend that Parishes with smaller groups of pupils and students can organize joint classes in order to link children and teachers in different parishes.

At this time, folklore dance practice, instrumental music and choir rehearsals are discouraged, due to the higher risk of spreading the Coronavirus.

The above is for your information and implementation.

With Archpastoral blessings,

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Bishop of Eastern America  
President, Diocesan Administrative Board

