

**1. What is the timeline for closure?**

The parishes of St. Veronica and St. Aloysius have announced the closure of Mother Seton Academy. The closure will take effect at the close of the 2021-2022 school year.

**2. Why is the closure taking place?**

The decision was made after much prayer, reflection, and evaluation over the period of several years about the viability of the school and the abilities of the respective parishes to financially support the school program for future years.

The significant resources being devoted to the school, coupled with the fact that the current enrollment at Mother Seton Academy is only 166 students including pre-kindergarten, led the pastors to make this difficult decision. This has been an especially disappointing year for enrollment at the school. The pastors recognize that enrollment affects the educational opportunities for students.

**3. Why was the decision made at this time?**

The ability of students and faculty to plan for the 2022-23 school year and beyond was a driving factor in the decision being made at this time.

**4. Will there be any transportation for students to other Catholic elementary schools?**

It will be dependent on the schools in which our students enroll as to whether transportation support will be available

**5. How will this decision affect faculty members at Mother Seton Academy?**

Faculty members at all the schools in the Diocese of Trenton are valued. Opportunities for faculty members of Mother Seton Academy to remain employed by Catholic schools in the Diocese will be evaluated with an eye toward helping them to transition to new positions.

**6. What will happen to the transcripts and records of Mother Seton students?**

All current Mother Seton Academy students will have their transcripts and records sent to the school that they attend for the 2022-23 school year. Historic records of graduates from St. Aloysius and St. Veronica schools will remain at the parish offices of their respective parishes. The records of graduates of Mother Seton Academy will be retained in diocesan archives.

**7. What efforts will be made to help the closure process be as smooth as possible for Mother Seton Academy students and parents?**

Open Houses will be held at local Catholic elementary school options that will be limited to current students and parents of Mother Seton Academy.

**8. What will happen to the Mother Seton Academy building?**

The school building is owned by St. Veronica Parish, just as the old St. Aloysius school is owned by St. Aloysius Parish. Under Canon law, parishes have responsibility and authority to manage their affairs. The Diocese of Trenton will help with any request for finding alternative uses.