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Good afternoon all,

Now that we are winding down the 2019-20 school year, I felt it best to communicate with all of you about our thoughts for opening school in September. Like any parent, our personal experience with remote learning has been like no other. I am extremely proud of the work that our students, families and staff have accomplished this Spring. I know this unforeseen shift has been stressful, however, we persevered and did our best with the circumstances we were given.

As we begin preparing for the 2020-21 school year, we are committed to creating and maintaining the best possible learning environment for our students. We are anticipating receiving final guidance from New York State in July. In the meantime, the district has already begun reviewing plans from other states, as well as the guidance document that was shared from the NYS Department of Health regarding summer school. With several medical experts and health organizations predicting a second wave of COVID-19 in the fall, and potentially more after that, it is important that we create a plan that is flexible enough to be modified as situations arise.

Moving forward, there are essentially three different directions that we can go in:

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<u>Full return to school</u>	<u>Hybrid</u>	<u>Full time Remote Learning</u>
Fully staffed with numerous safety procedures in place with no in-person restrictions.	This could mean students come to school part of the week and learn remotely for the rest of the time. It could also mean that certain grade levels come to school daily, while others remain at home and learn virtually.	Similar to what we did this year. Students have access to an electronic device at home, weekly agendas and pre-scheduled classes all through Google Meets.

While planning a hybrid model for our Extended School Year program with only 25 students, we have learned that the logistics of bringing students and staff back to our buildings are complex, including, but not limited to, transportation, food service, social distancing, sanitation, etc. We are optimistic that the spread of COVID-19

will continue to lessen and the guidance we receive on beginning the 2020-21 school year arrives soon and allows us to redesign our academic programs in such a way that allows for all students to reach their potential and beyond. To date, our Director of School/Community Partnerships, Mr. Joe Otter, has already begun working with key staff members on the social and emotional supports that our students may need when we return in September. Our goal is to have something in place by early August, however, it will always be subject to change as new information is forthcoming.

Thank you all for continuing your partnership with the district in our mission to *“provide a safe and nurturing educational environment where high expectations, rigor, life-long learning and civic responsibility are developed and encouraged.”*

Respectfully,

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Antonio Abitabile
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