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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Happy Friday! As we come to the end of our fifth week of online learning, I want to thank you and your children for all of your efforts with this endeavor. I know that it hasn't been easy to adjust to our new normal. As I reflect on all of the work and fun activities that you have participated in, I can't help but take away the strong sense of community that has been built over time, and is even more recognized and fully appreciated during times that really matter. The videos and pictures of our students and staff can only bring joy to our hearts. I look forward to the next series of events.

Yesterday, Governor Murphy announced that New Jersey schools will continue to be closed for at least another 4 weeks. May 15th is the next target date. I know that this is disappointing, but it still leaves us with some hope of returning to school this year. I want you to know that the Board of Education and Administration continue to discuss multiple options of closing out this school year. Unfortunately, we are in a holding pattern until Governor Murphy makes a decision about the remainder of the school year. Please note that we are willing to hold important ceremonies in July, if it becomes necessary.

In terms of instruction, we know now that we have at least another four weeks of online learning. As we have settled in over the past five weeks, we would like to get your feedback on your experience thus far so that we may continue to enhance your children's experience. A survey was sent to all parents via email. We will be surveying our students in grades 5 & 6 on Monday via Google Classroom, and students in grades 7-12 will receive their survey via email from Mrs. Zirpoli this afternoon. We will also be surveying our teaching staff members.

We would appreciate your participation as we value your opinion and will consider the necessary adjustments and incorporate them into our plan, if possible. We ask that you complete the survey by this Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M.

I wish your family continued health, and I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miceli, Ed.D.".

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