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Dear Students, Parents and Staff:

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer, has had time to relax, and hopefully spent time with family and friends after many months of quarantine. As we turn toward the reopening of schools, I know that many are anxious about what school will look like this fall. I hope that as we have been providing you with weekly information, our vision has been made more clear, and many of your questions and concerns have been answered.

To clarify, as of today, we still plan to open with our hybrid model inclusive of in-person instruction.

As a community, we have been working very hard to provide a safe environment for both students and teachers in each of our schools while accommodating some students with remote learning as well. Our preparation and plans for the re-opening, and hopeful sustained in-person instruction and activities, will only be as good as our school community's vigilance to stay healthy.

Everyone's individual commitment to following safety guidelines outside of school over the next three weeks and thereafter is paramount to our success in school when our doors open in three weeks.

We can establish safety protocols and procedures within the schools and on the playing fields, but if individuals within the school community are not responsible outside of school, it will have great ramifications for all our students, staff, and programs.

We ask that you follow our guiding principles and adhere to safety precautions, so that we may have the best chance of staying healthy and keeping our schools open for in-person instruction. Irresponsible actions of individuals could be the difference in schools staying open for in-person instruction or going remote-only for all students. Remember, we are truly all in this together. Each one of us can make a difference with our actions.

I am excited to see what we can do as a school community under these new and unusual circumstances. I have watched our community rise to the occasion in times of need, and I anticipate that we will all rise to the occasion once again.

Thank you for your vigilance in adhering to safety guidelines. Please continue the conversation routinely so that we may help each other through this challenge.

Sincerely,

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

Superintendent of Schools