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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Good afternoon. As we begin this journey together as a community, I want to commend the students, teachers, staff, administration, and each of you for your assistance in moving to our online learning environment beginning tomorrow, March 17, 2020. The past few days have been calm, organized, collaborative, and embraced with teamwork. I have been so impressed with our students as we make this transition!

With recognition of unprecedented times, I believe that we have prepared for this moment as best that we could have without having had prior implementation of our plan. Now that we have entered into this next phase, I believe that there are four areas that will be critical to its success. They are **attendance, instruction, communication, and caring for one another**. Ongoing student achievement will come from a partnership in these four areas.

First, student participation will be critical, and I recommend that you become well-versed in your children's teachers' expectations. Please review their expectations on our school and teacher webpages as well as google classroom, if applicable. If your child/ren become ill and are unable to engage in their school work, please complete the attendance form on each of the school's homepages. We will be tracking our school community's health by evaluating this data.

Next, all of our teachers are busy working toward developing their lessons in each of their classes. Please allow for the instructional process to evolve. There will be many lessons learned along the way, and everyone will do their very best to provide a meaningful learning environment, while being flexible under the current circumstances.

Communication will be so critical! We commit to continue our communication with you on a regular basis. We will have a presence each week despite not being together. We are in the process of developing a regular schedule so that you can anticipate correspondence from the schools and district. It will also be important that you communicate with us via email so that you can share issues, concerns, and successes along the way.

Finally, the New Providence School Community has always been a caring and supportive environment, and we should all do our very best to preserve this sentiment. I'm sure that plans will be varied and particulars will need to be reconciled during the upcoming weeks, but if we work together and communicate with one another, we can continue to be a model for our students, and practice this year's Character Education theme of *Listen, Lift and Lead*.

Sincerely,

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

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