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Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

As we come to the close of our second week of online learning, I want to again commend our teachers, staff, administrators, and parents for your commitment to this endeavor. As a community, we have been working extremely hard to make this experience as meaningful as possible for our students. Our students have also shown their commitment to their academic pursuits. It has been extraordinary to witness our community rise to the challenge.

I know that this has not been easy for any of us, but we need to continue to take care of each other, communicate, be patient with one another, and understand that each day, circumstances may change for any one of our constituents. On the attendance front, I'm pleased to report that we have been a healthy community thus far. Both staff and students have been engaged, and from what has been reported, we seem to be doing well. I pray that we continue in good health!

On the instructional front, I'm very impressed with the remarkable successes that our students and staff have accomplished in just the past two weeks. I can't tell you how proud I am of the incredible achievements! I'm sure that as we make adjustments, and each of us finds a better groove in our daily work flow, we will get more and more comfortable. I want to continue to remind everyone that we anticipate an evolution of instruction. As we introduce new resources such as Zoom, and more devices to our elementary students, we can anticipate more connectivity to each other, and greater efficiencies in the delivery of instruction. Remember, if you become overwhelmed, take a deep breath, and reach out to a friend or colleague for a good laugh. We are all in this together!

I'm sure that everyone is wondering when we will return to our wonderful classrooms. Well, please note that this is no longer a decision by our Board of Education. It is now in the hands of Governor Murphy, and at his briefing yesterday, he indicated that he will not revisit school closures until at least April 17th. At that time, he will re-evaluate our State's health and well-being, and begin to collaborate with various State agencies as to a potential date for schools to reopen. I want to prepare our community that we may not return to our traditional classrooms this year. I remain optimistic, but also want to be realistic based on the information that is being presented at this time.

As many of you are already aware and have responded to our School Calendar Survey, I want to inform you that we plan to make a decision on the proposed changes next week, and if approved, disseminate the new calendar as soon as possible. The proposed changes came from input that we have received, and the circumstances that have presented themselves.

I appreciate the many emails and support. It is good to hear from you, and it is helpful to get input as we pioneer through these difficult times. I hope that each of you get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather today. Spend time with your family, and enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,

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

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