



Dear Parents and Guardians,

For many of our district's families, we respect that life has taken many twists and turns since early March. We honor you for supporting your children as they their learning has taken different forms. We are passionate about returning to school as safe as possible and having a plan that is stronger than in the spring. We have made physical alterations to ensure the safety of your child but please know that our profession is knowing children and their social and emotional needs as well as physical and educational. We understand that kids need breaks, playtime, movement, and opportunities to interact with their peers. We can't wait to teach your child the wonders of the world, as well as cultivating joy, happiness and love within our classroom family.

The uncertainty about their educational future is at the forefront of your concerns, as we all deal with a world that has been transformed before our very eyes. Remind yourself that although we are experiencing perhaps one of the most universal challenges of our lives, everything is going to work out. It's easy to get overwhelmed with panic, frustration and anxiety, but together we can maintain a level of calm and certainty for our children. The bonds between home and school are vital for children to thrive and excel in both academically and socially. We want to be there for you and your family.

I know there is nothing more important to you than the future of your child. As our elders have always told us, model the behavior you want your children to emulate. You are your child's first and most important teacher. No one knows and understands their fears, learning styles, hopes and dreams better than you. Use this moment to expand your mind and strengthen your education and faith as a family.

Thank you for being so patient with us during this period. We are working diligently to make this year fun, special and amazing for everyone. Love, empathy and compassion will get us through!