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Dear Northfield Families,

I certainly hope that everyone is healthy and doing well during our ongoing school building closure. We are still in a holding pattern with respect to a return to school date from Governor Murphy. Once I hear anything official from his office I will share it immediately. I do want to stress that our return to school is unknown at this time and, as shared last week, “the decision to reopen schools lies squarely with Governor Murphy.”

As shared in prior letters, our ability to communicate with our families has been critically important throughout this entire process. It is something we are continuously monitoring and looking to improve upon. As such, we have noticed that some of the emails we have sent have been returned as undeliverable due to incorrect email addresses. With this in mind, I ask that everyone please enter the OnCourse parent portal to check the accuracy of the emails in the system and make changes if necessary. I understand that this communication is occurring through email, but text message alerts and prior phone calls have made reference to emails, which I am hoping would prompt families to reach out to us if they have not been receiving emails.

As we continue in this new learning environment we have been seeking ways to engage our families through activities to offer support outside of the “classroom.” I encourage you to read through the weekly bulletins coming from the respective schools’ principals for some of these activities. Just this week we offered a bubbles for autism event, a live concert from one of our teachers, and the weekly family trivia. Many more are sure to follow.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on how we can better serve you and our students. Be well and be safe.

Respectfully,



Pedro P. Bretones

Superintendent of Schools