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Dear Northfield Families,

 As we continue to wait to hear from Governor Murphy regarding what the rest of our school year will look like, I want to thank all of you for your resiliency, dedication to your children, and most of all your patience and support. Hopefully, as per Governor Murphy’s address this afternoon, he will let us know on Monday or Tuesday of next week if we will be permitted to reopen our school buildings this year. As soon as we are able to receive clear direction from the Department of Education, we will be prepared to start making solid plans for our next steps and we will be sure to share them with you. In the meantime, I want to highlight two communications that I sent out this week. If you have not received them, please contact your building principal through email so that we can figure out why you are not receiving the information.

 The first communication was related to free meals. The most important part of this message is that meals are available to any child 18-years-old or younger in your home. Details on how to participate in this program are included in the email so please be sure to access it if you have not already done so.

 The second communication was related to our preschool program. Once again, the Northfield City School District will be offering a full day high quality preschool program to 3 and 4-year-old children in our community for the 2020-2021 school year. It is important to note that 3-year-old students currently in the program are automatically guaranteed a seat as 4-year-olds. However, they must notify Mrs. Vaccaro through email at mvaccaro@ncs-nj.org by May 15, 2020 if you intend to continue in the program. All other families interested in the program must register online by May 29, 2020. Once again, more details are included in the previously sent email.

 In closing I want to remind everyone that next week is staff appreciation week. I know I do not stand alone when I say that we are fortunate to have the finest group of educators here in Northfield. I am proud to say that what makes them stand out from the rest is their genuine love for your children. In all my years in education, this has never been more evident than here in Northfield and certainly during this challenging time. Trust me when I tell you that they are your child’s biggest advocates and supporters. So if you have a minute, please let them know how special they are and how much they mean to you and your family.

Respectfully,



Pedro P. Bretones

Superintendent of Schools