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Dear Hallen Parents/Guardians:

Although we have worked tirelessly over the summer to develop a reopening plan for schools in September, we find ourselves facing challenges that are beyond our control. While we have prepared a fully developed hybrid model, we are concerned that current restrictions, coupled with an ever-increasing number of all-remote requests, will prevent us from providing a high quality, safe, and manageable educational environment for on-site and at-home students by the beginning of September. Challenged with having to prepare and deliver multiple programs with constraints such as transportation and scheduling, **we will begin the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, September 8th in an all-remote format.** We anticipate that we will begin offering the hybrid/blended model on Monday, October 5th for students who selected hybrid/blended learning preferences. We will re-evaluate the decision to start hybrid/blended learning and provide updates at the end of September.

Unlike the time in March when we moved to an all-remote model over a weekend and with little preparation, we have prepared a more structured every-day format for our current school year. Students will be expected to attend each day's remote learning sessions that are posted by the teacher or related service provider unless a student's circumstances require a different accommodation to be arranged.

We realize that this decision is not a welcome decision for all families. It has not been made lightly or in the absence of information from our school community. We know that you are as eager as we are to have our students return to a full-day, full-week program. However, we are confident that this short-term sacrifice will allow us to focus our collective efforts toward delivering an improved virtual program, will better protect our staff and students' health and safety, and will eventually result in meeting our long-term goal of opening all day every day.

For more information about school meals while students are at home, please check your district of residence's school meal/grab and go locations.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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