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Thomas Addington, M.A., Superintendent

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Dear Families and Community members,

Trustee Area 1
Dale Davidson

I hope that all of you and your family are well and healthy. As this school year closes, I know, it has been very challenging for everyone in the educational community ... families, staff, and students. Our instructional staff has worked hard to continue with learning opportunities. I know that as parents, you have also increased your role as a partner with us in your child's education during this distance learning scenario. I am very thankful to all of the families who have been fantastic partners with us as we made this move to Distance Learning. This transition could not have been possible without your support. As a District, we were able to quickly mobilize this option and provide the digital learning access for our students.

Trustee Area 2
Jeff Gilcrease

Trustee Area 3
- Vacant -

I am also thankful for the over 700 responses to the District's re-opening survey. We also received over 300 comments from our families. As you can imagine, the comments were different and varied, ranging from 'return to school normally' to 'I'm fearful that my child will get sick, so keep distance learning.' I know that we all want a sense of 'normal,' and the desire to return to a life and a schedule that we previously had. Nothing could be better than returning to School in the Fall in a familiar setting.

Trustee Area 4
Casey Fisher

Our administration hopes that we will be able to have in-person teaching and learning. Still, we are building plans for multiple scenarios as a precaution, such as hybrid models. Rest assured that no matter the course of action, we will follow guidance from local officials and health experts in the decision-making and preparations. If it is safe to open schools, we will. However, we anticipate that precautionary measures will need to be taken in our operations to ensure our students' and staffs' continued health. We will balance the safety of students and families, with the need for our students to learn onsite.

Trustee Area 5
Ceil Howe, III

Some questions, which will continue to guide how school 'looks' in the Fall include staying on top of guidelines locally, statewide, and nationally for recommendations of safety and social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing practices, the physical density of people on our campuses, and handling testing and screening.

One thing that is clear is the need for flexibility and understanding that decisions that are made today can change rapidly based upon the ever-changing circumstances and directions. Our re-opening plans will need to be adaptive and flexible for those plans to be scaled up or down depending on local conditions and guidelines. I wish I had all the answers, as it is unsettling, and I know that it is troubling for you. We all want answers, as do I.

Regardless of the plan, School will begin on August 12th, which is the first day of School, but it will surely operate a little bit differently than how we left in March. The District will update the website as information is decided. We will also provide notice to families via the global phone messaging system.

I wish you all a healthy summer, and we will continue to work toward solutions for you and your students.

Most Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Addington', written in a cursive style.

Thomas Addington
Superintendent