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Lafourche Parish Community Members,

We are in the midst of grappling with a global pandemic that has changed every part of our lives across the nation and within our state. Our parish has been greatly affected by a virus that has traveled the globe and devastated families, businesses, schools, and all aspects of society. As a community, we are all too familiar with the dangers this virus presents. It has claimed many lives and presented unique challenges to all.

Through this pandemic, we were able to witness the greatness that resides within our community. The efforts of all essential workers allowed for our very existence to continue. Grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, and our very own maintenance staff, cafeteria workers, and many others continued to press forward through it all. Additionally, on behalf of the entire Lafourche Parish School District, I want to especially thank all of the health care workers that have been on the front lines of this horrible pandemic. We are truly thankful for their efforts.

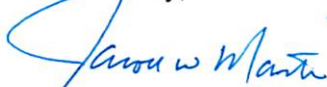
Our teachers were also eager to answer their professional calling. Our teachers and principals created a unique learning environment that allowed us to stay connected to our students. I am so proud of the work they have done to ensure the children of Lafourche Parish continue to receive the best possible education.

As we move into the next school year, some uncertainty still remains. However, we have a plan that attempts to meet the needs of all of our students and families. The foundation of our plan is our desire and commitment to educate every child, every day. We are equally committed to ensuring for the safety of each and every student. Our plan allows for the conditions relative to the spread of COVID-19 to determine the type of educational opportunities we can offer our students. We will continue to modify and adjust our practices as we learn and grow in this process.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working to finalize the amended policies and practices that allow for maximum student achievement and ensure student safety. As always, your children's safety is and will remain our number one concern and priority.

I look forward to working through these challenges together as a community, and I am confident in the ability of our schools to meet these unique challenges with your support.

Sincerely,



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