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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Through collaborative efforts, hard work, and dedication, we have now completed several weeks of distance learning. We recognize that school closure has posed many challenges for families at home, and it is our intention to continue to support your child through the hardships presented during this time. With that responsibility, we are also committed to supporting you as parents in any way we possibly can through keeping the connection. The connection is the key ingredient in preserving social-emotional health and academics. Most of you have committed to having your child join virtual sessions with your child's classroom teacher while utilizing packets, Google Classroom, and/or Dojo. We understand that there is a learning curve and families are navigating at their own pace. Your teachers and service providers are truly committed to walking you through the process to help you navigate the technology so your child can access distance learning which includes virtual sessions through Google Meet.

Service providers such as your child's speech and language therapist and physical or occupational therapists have found engaging and creative ways to teach your children through technology. Several of our providers are "pushing in" to already scheduled sessions with your child's teacher and/or providing individual sessions.

As you know, the third marking period ended on March 13th. This marking period was shorter than usual as we wanted to give students the opportunity to adjust to remote learning before teachers began the process of assessing student work and progress. The fourth marking period started on March 14th and will extend through the end of the school year. Many schools were unable to distribute third marking period report cards as there was no accessibility to school buildings and virtual sharing of information was only available for students already in eSchool Gradebook. Third marking period grades will be available when the final report cards are sent. As you also are probably aware, all New York State Alternate Assessments (NYSAA) and New York State 3-8 and Regents Exams were canceled for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be sharing updated information regarding the schedule for mid-May through the end of the school year as it becomes available.

Thank you for your flexibility, commitment, and courage as we navigate this new and challenging way of learning. We understand there are many variables and obstacles and we are here to help. Please maintain ongoing correspondence with your child's teacher and providers. Attendance and progress are monitored daily, so please inform the teacher if your child is unable to attend a scheduled session. Our goal is to help you provide structure, continuity, and on-going support through effective communication. Please stay healthy and know that we are truly missing your children!

Warm Regards,

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