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Dear Pocantico Families,

Some of my most cherished moments, as a parent, were driving my children to a never-ending stream of soccer, wrestling, swimming and baseball competitions. This time in the car provided me with a “captive” audience and allowed for some great discussions (my children disagree), connectedness and family memories. As we all do our part to stop the spread of this virus and embrace our social distancing and isolation practices, I ask that we also look at the positive. For many of us, this is providing a time that should be cherished.

By the order of the governor, we get to be home with our families and loved ones. We get to see how they have grown, discuss wishes, fears, aspirations and do a family reset as we recommit to one another. Yes, things are different, and family dinner with the grandparents is done via Skype now, but we adapt and persevere. And despite the fact our children may feel that we are the “worst parents ever” for not allowing them to visit their friends or go out when “everyone else” is, the reality is that at times like this, family is everything and our time together should be celebrated.

In the coming days, I will further apprise you on school closure as it becomes available to me. We have been cautioned not to further close schools until we receive guidance, but the reality is that we need to prepare for a continuation of these types of measures. As such, I strongly anticipate that the school closure will continue through 4/3/20 and ask that you orient your schedules accordingly. Spring break will run as planned unless we are directed otherwise. This means the earliest that you would return to school would be 4/14/20.

The school building is so empty and boring without you. I miss you. You are what makes this place come alive!

Stay well and wash your hands! 😊

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