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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As our intended February 1, 2021 return to hybrid instruction approaches, we have closely monitored the local, state and national COVID-19 data. While the post holiday spike of COVID-19 cases seems to have peaked, the numbers are still very high, especially in our local area. During this week, even with children participating in a fully remote learning program, we had a higher degree of positive COVID-19 cases and quarantines among employees than at any other time since the start of the pandemic. Based on that information and input from our local Department of Health, we think it would be prudent to delay the return to our hybrid model and do not feel it is beneficial to return children to our buildings at this time. As a result, we are extending our fully remote instructional programming until March 1, 2021. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and take guidance from the New Jersey Departments of Education and Health, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding in-person instruction. While our optimism for ending this pandemic continues to strengthen now that vaccines are being administered, we need to remain cautious for a bit longer. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Be well, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernard F. Bragen Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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