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Hello BJP,

An update for where we stand with our sudden school transition to online learning this week.

Each day seems to be new and different information from the State. As of right now we must prepare to continue online next week (if this changes you will be the first to know). BJP, along with other religious schools and houses of worship, is part of a suit against the Governor for a judge to review the purpose of the closing. We have provided nearly 80 pages of documentation that shows we are following our Reopening Plan and the Governor's Reopening Guidance, specifically daily reports to the Department of Health, health screenings, temperature checks, and procedures that maximize safety while in the building. While the spread is increasing in the community and needs to be brought under control, it is important to show that our efforts so far show the spread is not the result of children being in school.

The addition of a color coded map was a surprise, especially the possibility that the State may require Covid testing each week for a portion of our school population should our school be in a yellow zone (we are currently in orange and thus must remain closed). This was completely opposite from what the Governor told us to plan for in August.

There are rumors that families in other affected school communities are receiving phone calls to sign up for testing at their school. **For now, we advise not to provide anyone with information as BJP does not know who they are and has not vetted anyone to call our families.** We are waiting on guidance from the State on how testing will be handled and will not move forward without such guidance should this remain a requirement.

As we prepare to learn from home, my biggest concern is that we all remain safe so that when we do return to the building we do so as a healthy community. Please continue to take the necessary precautions to remain safe and healthy by wearing a mask, social distancing, and only gathering for necessary events.

You will receive a Weekly Progress Report this evening for your child this week while online. If your student did not do any homework, daily emails are going out. Finally, my Weekly Notes Home goes home on Mondays while learning at home. 8th graders should look closely at them on Monday for a TACHS prep schedule that we are planning.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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