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Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

April 3, 2020

As we approach week 4 of our Virtual Home Learning Plan, we are gradually settling into our new normal. I want to acknowledge and thank you all for working so hard. I am impressed with the perseverance and unity that has been established.

I am tremendously proud of your diligent work. Our administration, teaching staff, related services, one on ones, paraprofessionals, counselors, nurses, facilities, technology, RKS office staff and secretaries are working endlessly to provide continuity of instruction and services to all our students and families, while also balancing their household needs.

While virtual home learning has been a challenge and an adjustment for all, I would also like to thank our families for their ongoing support, participation and understanding as we move together through these unprecedented times. Our students as well continue to amaze me and demonstrate strength. I understand change in structure and schedule is not easy.

As the weeks pass, our Virtual Home Learning Plans continue to progress while we remain aware of the challenging balance families and staff are feeling. With no decisive end in sight, we will continue to deliver instruction and services to the greatest extent possible related to IEP's. Our focus remains with what is in the best interest of our students. Our goal is to support students, families and staff, not overwhelm them. Please reach out for further support if you need.

According to Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 104 and affirmed in Executive Order No. 107, "all public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall remain closed to students as long as the executive order remains in effect."

With that being ordered, the decision for us to reopen will be guided by the Governor. Please know that I recognize that our families and staff would like a definitive reopening date and we will continue to monitor and share updates from the Governor as they are released.

Please be reminded that April 10th -17th will be Spring Break. No virtual home learning will occur. We will resume virtual home learning beginning April 20, 2020.

I wish you and your families well.

Sincerely,

Dana Giblin

Program Director



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