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Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

On May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy made the difficult announcement that all schools will remain closed and continue virtual learning though the end of the 2019-2020 academic school year. A decision on summer programs and Extended School Year for students with disabilities will be forthcoming. In response, Harbor, Alpha and Gateway School will update their Virtual Home Learning Plans and share any further developments as they occur.

I recognize how difficult and disappointing this decision may be, however the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount. To be proactive, our administration, facilities management and school nurses will begin a thoughtful and rigorous reopening plan that will include clear procedures for the safety of our students and staff. As we use guidance from the CDC and the Department of Education, our plan moving forward will be consistent with the suggested social distancing and other best practices and habits. We will develop policies and procedures that include strategies that are sensitive, safe and appropriate for our students and staff.

I want to thank you again for your continued support, involvement and patience during this unprecedented time. I appreciate the positive feedback we receive from families acknowledging the amazing efforts of our staff. I too acknowledge the same. I enjoy seeing the videos and pictures families send of our remarkable students doing their work. Our staff have become skilled virtual instructors and I am proud.

Please continue to be prepared for exciting virtual graduation occasions and celebrations, as our staff develop creative ceremonies honoring our graduates. We recognize how special this event is to our students, families and staff.

As always, we are here for you to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Dana Giblin

Program Director

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