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Dear Mount Laurel School Families,

I want to update you on our journey to complete our *Path to Reopening 2020 Plan*.

On Tuesday, July 21, we held our regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting and I had an opportunity to provide updates on some of the critical areas we must address in our plan. As I indicated, the health and safety of our students and staff must be the primary criteria driving all our decisions, given we are dealing with a serious public health pandemic. If we do not make this our main priority then our schools will not be permitted to reopen at all.

We have sent out a number of parent surveys. On July 6, we sent a Reopening Survey for Parents and collected over 3,000 responses. On July 17, we sent a Reopening Survey for Kindergarten and received well over 300 responses. We are grateful for the high participation rate in our surveys. We have gained meaningful insights from your participation which has guided our planning .

On Monday, July 27, we will send you our Scheduling Plans for September along with a *Remote Digital Learning Survey*. The Governor announced this past Monday that parents can opt out of in-person instruction. We have just received the NJDOE guidelines this afternoon for the 100% remote learning option. We will carefully review these guidelines because we are committed to offering it to our families who want it. Whatever we develop for the 100% Remote Digital Learning Option in compliance with these guidelines, be assured it will contain the highest level of expectations for teaching and learning that we are known for in Mount laurel.

We will be asking you to tell us on the *Remote Digital Learning Survey* if you want a 100% remote learning option, but we want you to have our overall instructional schedule in hand so you can make an informed decision.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership on behalf of all our children.

Sincerely,

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