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Dear MBS Families,

Greetings to everyone in the MBS community! I hope you are doing well and staying safe during this difficult time. It was awesome to see so many of our MBS kids and their families on Monday afternoon during our staff car parade! Trust me when I tell you that the staff and I were just as excited to see all of you as the kids were to see all of us. When this ordeal is all said and done, I truly believe that moments in time like the parade will be what the kids will remember years from now.

In one of my previous letters, I indicated that the earliest possible date for our school to reopen would be the day we return from Spring Break, which is Monday, April 20. Given the latest directive from Governor Murphy to extend the State of Emergency for at least another 30 days, it is safe to assume that schools will remain closed for the remainder of April. As a result, the next possible date for reopening would be sometime in May. Like all of you, nothing would make me happier than to have a definite date for reopening, but that is not the case at this time. The decision for schools to reopen rests with Governor Murphy, so we will all need to remain patient and diligent with our current practices until that time comes.

Although it is so strange for me to be at school every day without any of the staff and students, I am comforted by the level of connection that is happening between the teachers and families on a daily basis. We are so fortunate to be part of a school community where access to the internet and devices is not even a question. More importantly, we have a tech-forward staff that is always willing to go the extra mile to deliver quality educational experiences to their students. Of equal importance, we have families that have accepted the challenge of facilitating lessons from home by providing the children with a caring environment while maintaining open lines of communication with the teachers. These are the ingredients for sustained success as we continue to navigate the waters of remote learning and social distancing, so a BIG THANK YOU goes out to the entire staff and all of our MBS families for all that you are doing!!

As we move into a much needed Spring Break, I would like to wish all of our families a blessed Passover and Easter. Although families will not be able to take their usual trips and engage in many of the typical activities due to the health crisis, I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the time with family in a peaceful and safe manner.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Ettore

Principal/Superintendent