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COVID-19 Notification No. 8

Dear Families/Caregivers and Staff,

The remote learning initial feedback from parents has been very positive. Here are a few of the comments:

"I cannot express how grateful I am of the work the teachers put into this program. There were a few tears and complaints as they worked through the material, but both of my children thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

"I was amazed at the care the related arts teachers put into their modules."

"The core teachers did an excellent job of providing relevant work and with resources to help learn new concepts."

Our technology team deployed over 300 Chromebooks and a number of hotspots.

Pomptonian, our food service, prepared hundreds of *grab and go* lunches and breakfasts. The three distribution sites are Hillside, Nishuane, and Montclair High School. Lunches are distributed from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

At the regular Board Meeting this evening, there will be a vote on the tentative budget which is the same one submitted to the County Office on March 3. Most of the Board members and I will be attending virtually. As you know, Governor Murphy has mandated an 8 pm curfew, and President Trump established that groups in the same location be less than 10. **New Jersey Department of Education requires the adoption of the tentative budget by March 20.**

Last week we had a staff member who was tested for Covid-19. I am thankful to report that the test came back negative.

I understand that *Good Morning America* will broadcast in front of Buzz Aldrin School tomorrow morning.

Please remember to establish social distance. In this all hands on deck emergency, we are all working as hard as we possibly can - families and staff - so let's be understanding and patient with each other.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan N. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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