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Queen Bee Families,

I hope that this note finds you both healthy and safe. We have had quite a start to the school year and, I am proud to report that we remain on plan. Our faculty and administration have worked hard to ensure that we have a viable Remote and a viable Hybrid option for our students and families during this challenging time and we are off and running with both. Our Remote Only students are in class and with the teacher with whom they will finish the year. Our Hybrid students have now been in class for two Hybrid weeks and are beginning to establish a routine.

I wanted to reiterate my appreciation of your patience and partnership that was both essential to bringing us to this point. Your feedback and willingness to let our team work through all of the challenges associated with converting our district into something it was not designed to be have made this possible. It took a considerable amount of work to establish program options that we can rely upon throughout the year. However, we are well aware of our need to continue to improve our instructional model in order to fully meet the needs of our students.

Next week, we will begin our Back to School Nights at each school, and I encourage you to participate. Our Principals and Teachers will be sharing their progress thus far, offering insight into our efforts to provide an outstanding education, and seeking your feedback. One of the items that we would like to know from you is if you have an interest in Parent Training on our Curriculum. The ongoing and honest dialogue between parents and schools is an essential element of our continued success together.

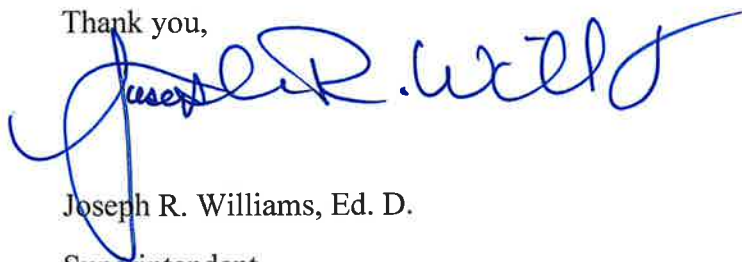
I also wanted to let you know that we have developed an Evening Academic Support Program that our Principals will be telling you more about in the coming days. The Evening Academic Support Program will make some of our teachers from each school available between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to provide academic support to our students. This is not a guarantee that your child's teacher will be providing the support, because that is not always possible. However, the teachers providing the support are our teachers and are familiar with the curriculum and their colleagues. Feel free to reach out to your Principal if you are interested in scheduling Evening Academic Support for your child, and there is no charge for this service.

The Hybrid classes have started well, and our students are working well within the public health and safety guidelines that we have established. I continue to appreciate the fact that parents are keeping children home if they are not feeling well, as this is a key component to our ability to continue to offer a Hybrid Option.

I would also like to ask all Hybrid Parents to take a moment each day to Self-Certify through Skyward or the Skyward App. Our screening for symptoms at the door is going well. However, we are working toward 100% student self-certification, and we are not there yet. The principals will be reaching out to families who are struggling to self-certify.

We continue to monitor the public health metrics, which you can find on our website, and the health and attendance of our students and staff. The safety of our students, families, and faculty remains our singular priority as we work to provide an outstanding education to each of our students. Thank you again for an outstanding start to the school year, and I look forward to the months ahead. Feel free to contact your child's teacher or principal if you have questions or insights to share, and, as always, feel free to reach out to me if you have an issue that requires my attention.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "W".

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