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COVID-19 Educational Update 5/8/20

Dear Administration, Faculty, Staff and Parents/Guardians,

As we close out our eighth full week of remote instruction, we do so with the knowledge that we will remain in this “remote operation” mode for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year.

The March 21st Executive Order from Governor Murphy prohibited all gatherings, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, and also closed all recreational and entertainment businesses, including places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of the State Police, was given the authority to clarify, amend and issue additional orders related to the Governor’ directives, as needed. On Wednesday of this week, the State Director of Emergency Management issued an Administrative Order to clarify the Governor’s March 21st Executive Order by specifically prohibiting recreational and entertainment activities on the premises of any essential retail businesses that are allowed to remain open, and within any public or private school facilities.

These governmental directives are consistent with plans we had already begun making for end-of-year celebrations based on safety and practicality. As I noted in my Tuesday e-mail message to everyone, our administrators, faculties and staffs have been working on alternatives to our traditional on-site end-of-year activities and events that will give students, and especially our departing seniors, fond memories to look back on. We will be conducting a number of these “milestone” activities virtually, including Graduation ceremonies, Senior Awards ceremonies and a Spring Sports Awards ceremony. As additional details about these activities are developed, we will share them with you.

I want to wish everyone a very happy Mother’s Day weekend! If you’re a mom, I hope you enjoy well-earned appreciation for all you’ve done and continue to do. And if we are able, each of us should make sure we let anyone who has “mothered” us in our lives know how much we love and appreciate them.

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