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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are writing to you today with the hope that you are staying healthy as we all continue to make the necessary adjustments to the crisis attendant to COVID-19. We are most appreciative of your willingness to support our efforts to advance remote teaching and learning during this unprecedented impact on our nation's schools.

We are writing to share the following information with you.

- As originally scheduled we will not be engaged in remote learning on Patriots Day, Monday, April 20th. We will be in session remotely through the rest of that week (April 21st-24th). Originally, that week was scheduled to be April vacation. This change in our calendar will enable us to close for summer vacation on Tuesday, June 16th. This last day of school will be a half day.
- All families will receive an email from their respective Principal on Friday, April 17th. That email will contain the following information:
 - Letter from the Principal
 - Report Card (All grades are to be recorded as Pass/Fail for the 3rd term)
 - Student Attendance Report
 - IEP Progress Report
 - Individualized Remote Learning Plan

Once you have received the letter from the Principal, we encourage you to contact the Principal if you have any questions.

- The following is the most recent message from DESE regarding MCAS testing
 - MCAS: The Department previously requested and received a waiver from the federal requirement for annual statewide student assessment. Now, with the state legislation enacted, the MCAS testing requirement is waived for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. As a result of these federal and state actions and in light of the on-going health crisis, Commissioner Riley has canceled this spring's regular administration of grade-level MCAS tests for students in grades 3-10. In addition, the legislation allows the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, upon the commissioner's recommendation, to modify or waive the requirements of the competency determination for high school graduation in order to address disruptions caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 or the state of emergency. The commissioner is considering various options, and further guidance will be forthcoming.

We anticipate that Governor Baker will soon be issuing further instructions with respect to school closures. As you know, his current Executive Order required schools to close through May 4th. Once we

know what his plan is, we will, of course abide by it. Further, that will inform us as to what options we may have with respect to our usual end-of year ceremonies, "Moving On" for our eighth grade students and Commencement for our seniors.

Respectfully,

*Ted Sharp
Head of School*

*Gretchen Petersen
Chief Operational Officer*

*C. Jennifer Thorell, HS Principal
Amy Davis, EMS Principal*