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Dear Margate Families:

I hope you and your loved ones are remaining safe and healthy. I'm sure you would agree that there has never been a time of greater anticipation for the start of a school year.

On June 26, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education released The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Schools. Since that day our administrative staff has worked tirelessly with representative committees in the development of our plan to return to school in September. After reviewing the guidelines along with the survey results from parents and staff, we have developed a plan to meet the State mandate of in-person instruction.

The safety of our students and staff will always remain our top priority. And while we know this year will not look the same as others, we also know that the perfect plan that will satisfy everyone's wishes does not exist.

The details of the plan can be found on our website district page, along with each school page, however, key components are as follows:

- The academic year will begin on September 3, 2020
- Students will be in school daily from 8:15 a.m. until approximately 12:15 p.m.
- All classes will be taught in-person.
- Masks must be worn at all times by staff and students unless socially distanced.
- Students will not have lunch or recess while in school.
- Children will be provided a time for a snack.
- Most extracurricular clubs and programs will be offered either remotely or in-person.
- Meals will continue to be available daily for students who want them - a go-to option will be offered.
- Daily health screening of staff and students will be done.
- Social distancing will occur to the maximum extent possible.
- Child care through Lucky Kids will be available for working parents, space permitting.

We will continue to do our best to address the needs of all members of our educational community. On Tuesday, August 4th an Information Meeting will be held to further explain the plan and answer any related questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Baruffi".

Thomas A. Baruffi, Ed.D.