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Dear TCCS Community,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the weekend and today's beautiful weather from the safety and comfort of their homes. I wanted to reach out to touch base, now that we have gotten through our first week of at-home instruction for students, faculty, and staff. I am well aware of the stress that we are all experiencing during this health crisis which has hit so close to home - not only in the Township of Teaneck, but within our own TCCS community, as well. However, regardless of the challenges and uncertainty that we all face at this current time, I can assure you that the educators at TCCS are committed to working with our students and families to get through this unprecedented situation, as we work together to adapt and explore the best possible ways to facilitate classes in the face of this new reality.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of the parents and guardians who have done such a great job in ensuring that students are working daily on the assignments that have been provided. Not only are our teachers seeing the work via the online submissions and other ways that they have been communicating with families, but many of us have seen the images and posts that you've shared via email, text, or social media, and are inspired and thankful for the cooperation that you've shown throughout this first week.

I appreciate the feedback that many of you have provided regarding your individual experiences with home instruction over the past couple of days. At yesterday's virtual faculty meeting, not only did we reflect on this first week of instruction, but we also began discussions regarding our intentions to explore new methods for restructuring our distance learning plan, should this situation go beyond the three weeks that we had initially planned for. With Governor Murphy's executive order indicating that schools will be remaining closed until further notice, that reality is something that we are certainly preparing for. In the coming weeks, we will be providing new learning content and will be looking to incorporate additional structure and elements of video to support instruction and virtual interaction to provide our students with a very necessary emotional and psychological connection with their teachers and school.

In the meantime, please continue to use the resources that were sent home prior to our closure and the materials that are being posted and shared online to continue with home instruction, as your child's completion of the assigned daily work is mandatory and will count as their attendance during this emergency situation. When I have further guidance on if and when schools can reopen, you will be notified accordingly. In any event, our spring recess will still take place from April 6 to April 10, so there will be no home instruction required for that week. Also, please note that report cards for our second term will be available in the online parent portal on Monday, March 23. Paper copies will not be sent home.

Thank you again to everyone who has helped to ensure that education continues during this crisis. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions. Otherwise, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo
Lead Person / Director