



October 9, 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you already know, due to the current pandemic we have taken the necessary precaution of opening the school year via remote learning. We have been assessing the pandemic and all the variables surrounding the safety and well-being of our community. After careful consideration of all the information available to us, we determined that the most prudent course of action is to extend remote learning to January, 2021. We have modified our reopening date to January 25, 2021.

Because students are now home while instruction is delivered, it is critical that every parent, guardian and caregiver works closely with NECCS teachers and staff to ensure the progress of every student towards the mastery of grade level standards. In order for our partnership to be successful, we must have consistent communication with you. I understand that this presents a challenge for some families. Many of you are in need of childcare, and depend on caregivers to supervise children while you go to work. I also understand that different families may be managing different schedules on a regular basis. As you plan for the next few months, please realize that, although your child is not in the school building, **your child is still in school and must continue to learn and participate in remote instruction every day.** Inconsistent attendance to live sessions will create gaps in your child's foundational learning, and we must do all that we can to ensure this does not occur.

November 13 marks the end of the first marking period of the school year. Teachers will be scheduling conferences as planned on November 19 between 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Each teacher will be reaching out to ensure that you are able to have meaningful conversations about your child's progress.

We have a responsibility to every child and remain committed to your child's growth. And we can only live up to this commitment with your support. Consistent communication, active participation in instructional activities, and completion of assigned work will ensure that every child can complete their school year successfully.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring the growth of every student at NECCS. Stay safe, and please reach out to any of the members of our staff if you need assistance.

Warm regards,

Katherine V. Martinez
Executive Director