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Dear Palisades Park Community,

Over the past 18+ months, as education professionals we have been dealt with many uncertainties that this pandemic has presented, yet we have continued to display our resilience and resolve to the commitment that we have for all of our students and our school community.

Our administrative team has worked extremely hard over the summer to be prepared for what the 2021-22 school year has in store for us. As we listed in our Safe Return Plan, sanitation stations, sanitizing of our schools will continue each day, and other precautionary measures to mitigate the spread of this virus will remain in place. We have been cleaning our **HVAC systems over the summer**, and have removed any areas of potential high spread air particles in each of our schools. We will be utilizing many open air outdoor areas for classes, lunches, meetings, etc.

On behalf of all school personnel, I ask that all parents/guardians continue to screen your children at home, prior to arrival to school. Be sure to keep your children home when they demonstrate any signs of illness, including fevers over 100.4 degrees. As always, we ask that you contact your respective schools' main offices when your child is going to be absent. Additionally, please be certain to rely on the email with the most up to date information on health related closures to assist with any questions related to your child(ren).

We will continue to use Class Dojo, Email, Phone Calls, Twitter and our school website to communicate with you on a regular basis.

Your continued compassion, collaboration, and dedication to the health, welfare, and safety of each other is something that I am so grateful for and ask that you continue to display in the foreseeable future.

Be safe and stay well,

Dr. Joseph Cirillo