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Hello Fairfield Family,

We have just completed over one quarter of the 2020/21 school year. Given the pandemic, it is remarkable we have come this far. We have accomplished this because of our staff and families. FASD staff have worked tirelessly to follow protocols, make constant adjustments, and still deal with the everyday challenges, aside from the pandemic.

Families have been very understanding and cooperative when communicating a child's illness, a family member's illness, picking a learner up from school due to illness or exposure, and dealing with work and home. Without the support of our families, we would not still be in school.

This letter is a huge **thank you** to everyone. Without your cooperation and vigilance, we would not have the in-person school option.

Our plan is to continue to keep our schools open. The Department of Health does have the right to close schools, but as of now, they have just provided recommendations. There may be times we close a classroom, a grade level, a school, or the district for various amounts of time. However, we hope to minimize those options. Students are better off in school with their teachers and friends.

As the holidays approach, please keep the following advice in mind to help us remain in school:

- Please be thoughtful about large gatherings and possible exposure risks. Our learners, families, and community are counting on schools being open. Therefore, please be considerate, and lower your risks of exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
- If someone in your household is in the process of testing, please keep everyone home until receiving the test results.
- Parents - Please notify your school's office if your child or someone in your home tests positive.
- Staff - Please notify your principal/supervisor if you or someone in your home tests positive.
- The next few months will be difficult, so please continue to follow the guidelines and protocols that are in place.

Again, thank you so much for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our schools open. We have provided options for those who would prefer to remain home, but hope to continue to provide in-person school for the rest of the school year. It has taken a lot of courage to do what we have been doing this year, but providing the best situation for learning for each student is what we hope to excel at as we progress towards our vision of *Students First*.

Yours in education,

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