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Satori School Update ~ May 22, 2020

Dear Satori Students and Families,

What a year it has been! Looking back brings a mix of emotions, but the good definitely outweighs the bad. My favorite part of the year was adding so many wonderful families to Satori just two weeks before school started. It was a sudden transition for some, but watching our community grow and new friendships form was wonderful. Closing the school back in March was hard. We could have crashed and burned. Instead, we pulled together, supported each other, and did what needed to be done - support our students and families. The strong community we have makes it easy to remember what is most important: connection, understanding, patience, and love.

This past Wednesday was filled with giggles and excitement from Satori's Kindergarten class. They had a Zoom Graduation and got to open up their awards while wearing homemade graduation caps. Our 8th Grade Graduation was one for the books. The students were all smiles as their teachers thought outside the box and made their graduation an event they will never forget. Our staff cheering squad stood along the loop as the families paraded in front of the Charter building. And after finding their designated (and socially distanced) place to park, the ceremony was held while the students and their guests stayed attached to their parked cars. It was a lot of fun!

Even as the summer starts, the preparations for next year continue. Safety decisions and class placements will be a priority. You should be hearing from me throughout June and July with updates and new information. Unfortunately, we have decided that we do not have enough in place to open the doors for our Summer Camp Program and will instead use the time for some much-needed repairs and upgrades. If you want to help with those, let me know. For families that already signed up for camp, we will be in touch soon with more information. Please remember that our funding is based on our student count. If you are thinking of not returning next year, let me know as soon as possible. We do have a student waitlist and want to offer new families a place if one opens up. I, of course, hope that no one is leaving but with everything going on, I do understand if and when circumstances change.

Please reach out if you have any questions and thank you again for all your support this school year! Have a safe and healthy summer and we will see you soon,

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