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Satori School Update ~ December 11, 2020

Dear Satori Students and Families,

I must say this has been quite a semester! I am a true believer that you can find joy in any situation and my joy right now comes from the amazing community Satori School has. I think it is important to take a second and thank all of you for your hard work. The teaching team has been coming in every day (and I see some of them on the weekends, too), planning double for hybrid and remote learners, and working so hard to make sure students are getting what they need. Our support staff for teachers and students has taken on tasks and responsibilities that they have not had to previously and are doing a tremendously awesome job. The administrative team has learned a lot, slept very little since last March, and works to make sure staff, students, and families are cared for in so many different ways. Our front desk teams support the people in and out the buildings every single day and we could not be operational without them. And you, our families-you have been supportive, understanding, and generous with the nonstop changes since Spring of last year. Thank you so much!

When we opened in October, I let everyone know I would be sending out a new survey to see where everyone was and if any changes needed to happen for second semester. I know cases are going up and people are getting nervous, but I need to let you know that PCHD stands firm about schools staying open. Our mitigation plan is solid and we are confident that students and staff are as safe as they can be. If that changes you will most certainly know. They have promised to give us a 2-week window if they think it is best that we close, but they do not foresee a change in their decision.

The survey will be emailed to you soon. When you receive the survey, there are a few changes to the plan:

- If you choose the in-person option, it will be required that your child comes to school on the days that are assigned to them. If you choose to keep them home, they will be counted absent (unless they are sick, asked to stay home, quarantining, or isolating).
- If you choose the remote option, it will be required that you pick up materials that the teachers put together for your child and that you drop off anything they need for grading purposes. If you cannot pick it up on the day that is asked, the office will be open from 8:00-4:00 weekly. All you need to do is call the front desk when you get there so Susan can bring it out to you.
- There is a possibility if more students want to come back that classrooms that are 4 days a week could go back to 2 days in person and 3 days remote. We would let you know as soon as the surveys were complete.

Please feel free to reach out and let me know if you need anything. Enjoy your holidays and stay safe so we can continue to keep our staff safe, too.

Much love and cheers to an awesome 2021!

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