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Dear Parents and Families:

As the school year ended, it was enjoyable to see our schools and families find creative ways to bring closure to the end of the school year. The sudden transition to remote learning posed a variety of challenges for students and their families. Thank you to all for supporting your child, our teachers, and our school community. Given the circumstances, everyone has put the best possible effort forward for continued learning.

We want to recognize and honor all the approaches to learning that have occurred since March 13, 2020. Because all families have adapted differently to remote learning, we also find it necessary to adapt our approach to reporting students' end-of-year progress. Teachers will be writing individual letters to each family recognizing and celebrating their child's third trimester. The letter will contain a reminder of all the work shared during this time and detailed concepts for math and literacy. Each and every approach to learning during the third trimester is recognized and appreciated, so celebrate with your child.

While there are uncertainties regarding the status of the pandemic for a fall return to school, we have gathered a Reopening of Schools Workgroup with the goal of creating a flexible plan for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. For updates on the status of this work, visit <https://sites.google.com/a/link75.org/msad-75-re-opening/home>. Until we are able to offer more concise plans for reopening, we will not be adding the name of next year's teacher on your child's third-trimester letter. We hope to be mailing families "welcome back" letters in early August which will list your child's teacher for next year. If at any time you have questions, please call or email or reach out to your school principal. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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