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BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

Dr. Robert McDowell
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Dear families,

Thank you so much for the support and understanding as we embark on this new educational journey. In this communication you will find more information about our hybrid model, updated supply lists, and an explanation regarding teacher assignments.

Our hybrid model allows us to offer great in-school instruction and improved virtual support when students are off-site. We will focus on core curriculum and meeting the social emotional needs of students throughout the school year. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

The supply lists will be posted on our website. In the past, school supplies were often shared amongst the students in the classroom. As we think about the upcoming year, we would not have students share common classroom supplies.

Teacher assignments will be a little different this year as teachers will be assigned to a cohort of students. In most cases, two teachers will be assigned to your child's cohort (think of it as having co-teachers), with one of those teachers being your main point of contact. This "homeroom" teacher will be communicated to you the week of August 24th, as class lists/learning groups need to be recreated based upon the newly assigned cohorts.

We will be utilizing the first week of school (August 31-Sept. 3) to establish our relationships with students and families, in lieu of having an Open House. Specific information about scheduled times for families will be included in the "homeroom" teacher communication.

We will continue to work with families and students to build strong relationships to provide an exceptional school experience! Thank you again for your understanding and support. We look forward to connecting with you this school year!

In partnership,

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