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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Throughout this recent switch to remote-only instruction, we have continued to communicate with our local health professionals regarding a plan to return to in-person instruction. We continue to monitor the risk level of our school which is in the Northeast region of the NJ COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix. As of this week, the COVID Activity Level Index (CALI) report places Essex County and all of New Jersey in the high risk category. There continues to be an increase in individuals (staff and students) required to quarantine which places difficulties on our ability to operate school in-person effectively.

Therefore, we have made the decision that **1<sup>st</sup> Cerebral Palsy of NJ will remain on a full remote schedule through the winter recess with an anticipated in-person return date of Monday, January 11, 2021.** Remote services will conclude on Wednesday, December 23 at 1:00PM for winter recess and resume on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 9:00AM.

These are very difficult decisions and we recognize the toll this remote learning period is taking on our students and families. Our staff is making their best efforts to provide quality remote services and we encourage and applaud your continued participation efforts. However, we feel that this decision to remain fully remote is in the best interest of our school community at this time. The decision to return will be based on the most recent COVID numbers, monitoring of the CALI report, and recommendations from our local health department. Also remember that should your child or any member of you household test positive for COVID-19 during this extended remote period, to contact myself or the school nurse immediately.

We are hopeful that we will be able to return to our in-person model on Monday, January 11, 2021. Please remember to adhere to CDC protocols including wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, washing your hands often, avoiding close contact with those who are sick, and limiting out of state travel.

As always, we thank you for your continued support as we all partner to navigate these challenging times. We are here to support our families. Do not hesitate to reach out to our office or your child's teacher or therapists with questions.

Finally, I want to wish our entire school community a safe and happy holiday season!

Keith Rygiel  
Principal