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Dear caregivers:

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate the challenges COVID-19 continues to pose. Fortunately, contact tracing has not shown disease transmission within our schools as of yet. However, the emergence of the Delta variant and the resumption of fully in-person learning has required us to investigate many events since the start of the school year.

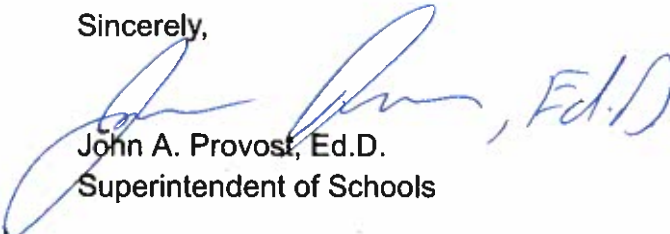
As you know, physical distancing continues to be a component of our disease mitigation strategy. If you have been a member of our school community for longer than the past two years, you know our open houses are extremely well-attended. Classrooms and hallways are typically filled with caregivers who are there to support their students. This raises a significant concern for our ability to practice physical distancing during open house activities.

Given the increased risk of disease transmission at a crowded open house and the potential disruption this could cause for student learning, we have decided that **open houses scheduled for September and October will be held remotely.**

As much as we appreciate the strong demonstration of community support we always see at open houses, our first priority is to do everything we can to keep our schools and students safe and in-person. Moving to a remote open house format is one more thing we can do to make schools safer.

Thank you for your understanding. I sincerely look forward to welcoming the community back into our schools when it is safe to do so.

Sincerely,


John A. Provost, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools