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Dear Old Colony Community,

We hope this letter finds you well as we approach the April break and warmer days of spring. Over the course of the past six weeks, we have been preparing diligently for the return of our students in a full time capacity to the classroom. During this time a survey was distributed, three different listening sessions took place, internal preparation was fine-tuned, and many members of our Old Colony community took the time to offer insights as part of the process. The responses to some of the most frequently asked questions are available at the following [link](#).

Technology Update

Students are being asked to bring in their school issued Chromebook or personal device to use during their academic cycle. If your student does not have an adequate device, please reach out to Kyle O'Neill at koneill@OldColony.info to secure a school issued Chromebook.

Transportation Update

Old Colony is working with our transportation company, First Student, to create efficient and effective transportation routes based on ridership needs reported in the reentry survey sent to families. Routes will be posted by Friday, April 23rd on the Old Colony website. There may be changes to pick-up and drop-off times as well as locations. Please have patience as we work through this process. If you have questions or concerns about transportation please contact First Student directly at (508) 763-9260 or the Main Office School Secretary at Extension 111.

School Nutrition Update

Thank you to Crystal Andrade, our School Nutrition Director and her incredible team who have put in countless hours beyond the typical workday to address food security for our Old Colony Community. Please visit this [link](#) to review the Parent Letter dated 3/31/2021 for information regarding the cafeteria. Families are encourage to visit this page periodically for updated information from our School Nutrition Director and her team.

As we continue in our effort to minimize spread and maximize safety, we ask families to remember the importance of staying home if students and/or staff present symptoms, are close contacts, or have tested positive for Covid-19. The importance of timely reporting to our nursing staff in the event a member of your family receives a positive test, as well as appropriate PPE use, mask wearing, and social distancing in our school setting remain high priorities. Below is the list of symptoms for which all parents/caregivers should monitor their children daily, prior to school attendance. Staff should monitor themselves:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher) or chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

Our last day of school is Wednesday, June 16th with Senior Sign-Out scheduled for May 28th. Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m. Graduation attendance will be limited to graduates, 4 members of their family (or guests), and Old Colony staff. Separate correspondence will be sent to families of the Class of 2021 with an overview specific to Senior Week events and details regarding graduation.

A tremendous amount of planning and work has taken place over the past year and especially in recent weeks. I would like to extend my appreciation to our entire community for the collaborative efforts of the group. The past year has been challenging, but certainly not lost. Please take a couple of minutes to [view this message](#) from another administrator from across the country. It is a firm reminder of how lucky we are to have one another during difficult times. We are excited to reconvene as an entire community and wish you health, happiness, and peace of mind as we slowly return to a semblance of normalcy. Thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and insights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron L. Polansky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aaron L. Polansky
Superintendent-Director