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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Last Thursday I presented to the Board of Education the modification to our reopening plan to address the non-air conditioned schools and the impact of the Governor's decision regarding the mask requirement for students.

After some discussion I indicated to the Board that I would investigate the option of opening on September 8th and calling virtual days whenever necessary due to excessive heat. Unfortunately, I was informed by the Executive County Superintendent that those days would be considered a "snow day" that would have to be made up at a later date. Based on that determination and the concerns expressed by members of the board I modified the reopening plan in the following manner: **All students in the A/B Hybrid schedule for second grade through fifth grade will follow the Virtual Academy schedule for the first two weeks of school at which point, based on long range forecasts, a decision will be made on whether to continue the virtual program or shift to in-person instruction. This process will occur every two weeks. This impacts the following schools: Clark Mills School, Lafayette Mills School, Taylor Mills School, and Milford Brook School, as well as all sixth grade students at Pine Brook School.**

Due to the importance of early education to the development of reading skills and its impact on future academic success, all kindergarten and first grade students will continue to receive in-person instruction as defined in the Reopening Plan. While masks will be mandatory as per Governor Murphy's order, current air-conditioned classrooms will be used to house these programs in Clark Mills School, Lafayette Mills School, Taylor Mills School and Milford Brook School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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