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Mountainside Parents and Guardians:

I hope that you are well and that you weathered the recent storm with minimal impact. I am writing to provide a brief update regarding our Reopening process.

I would like to again thank so many of you for your input, feedback, and thoughts as we have been working through the extensive process of developing our Reopening Plan for Mountainside Schools. I anticipated sending out a Parent Survey this week regarding our instructional options, but recent adjustments to our minimum requirements from the NJDOE, the receipt of a new policy related to remote learning, and the storm this week, have unfortunately delayed this release.

Our next steps include the following aspects. On Monday, August 10th, the Mountainside Board of Education will hold a special Board meeting (via Zoom) for the first reading of a mandated policy related to remote learning options for families. During the meeting I will provide a brief overview of the instructional plan for fully remote learning and share an update on the recent NJDOE changes to our requirements regarding face coverings for students. This will complement the presentation that I made at our July 28th BOE meeting regarding the overall Reopening Plan and in-person structure. A link to a recording of that presentation can be found [here](#).

On Tuesday, August 11th, I will send out a detailed correspondence outlining both instructional options along with a parent survey where you will be asked to submit your intentions for your child(ren) in September. Your prompt response to this survey will be very helpful for us as we plan to welcome your children to school, whether in person or virtually, in September.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Be well,

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