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A special letter to all the families of Cape May City Elementary:

As we prepare to close out the 2019-2020 school year it is with deep appreciation that I write this letter to all our Cape May families.

When we began the 2019-2020 school year, we had great expectations for a fantastic and rewarding year. Throughout the course of the first 7 months, we achieved great things. Our students were developing a greater understanding of learning, our technology initiatives were in full gear and our Green program was fulfilling all our expectations. We had accomplished a lot of what we were determined to do.

Then on March 13, our whole world changed. Our incredible staff, within three days, transformed learning from the traditional linear educational model to a Virtual online classroom. This was a whole new beginning for all of us and, of course, the parents and students. The paradigm shift from 7 hours a day in school to online learning had many bumps and bruises, but with your support, feedback and understanding, I believe we made great progress. As we conclude this school year it is my hope and belief we will come out stronger, smarter, and ready for 2020-2021.

The next 100 days will be challenging. We will begin planning and preparing for two scenarios: this first is, that we will continue the Virtual Learning Platform or hopefully the second, the opening of school September 1. As of today, there has been no specific guidance or directives from the Department of Education and the State. We are anticipating guidance by the end of June. With that said, we are putting together planning teams consisting for staff, administration, board members, parents and members of the community. If you are interested in being a part of this planning process, please visit the following link to formally sign up: <https://forms.gle/utRaLB1TooDcevezQ8>

In closing, the most important part of these challenging times is the health and emotionality of our children. As many of us adults have questions, so do our children. Their questions will need to be answered in a truthful and caring manner. As adults, we need to maintain our own health so we can foster theirs. Our staff, administration and counselor are available for you through these challenging times. Please, do not hesitate to reach out to us when needed.

Yours in thought,



Robert Garguilo



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