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Dear Parents/Guardians;

Planning a safe, flexible, and high-quality academic program for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year is currently the primary focus of the Sharon City School District leadership team. Although COVID-19 has caused significant disruptions to our school programs over the past few months, it has also given us the opportunity to rethink our ability to provide distance learning opportunities for students. As we continue to navigate the unknown, it is our intent to prepare our staff and facilities to reopen schools for face-to-face instruction, as well as online learning from home should that become a necessity. As we work on our return to school plans, we are looking for input from our school parents and the community on how to best meet the needs of the children we teach.

Your input is critical to our planning and preparation. We are asking you to complete a survey regarding your thoughts and concerns on the opening of school in the fall. Your responses do not represent a firm commitment or obligation. Rather, you are simply providing meaningful information that will help us consider your needs and interests as we plan for the 2020-21 school year.

As we develop strategies for the reopening of our school buildings, we are studying the guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control to maximize our efforts to keep our community safe. Please keep in mind that we are all in this together, and our leadership team is working hard to take this unfortunate situation and turn it into opportunities to create even better educational options in the future.

Please complete the survey on the District website (www.sharonsd.org) or on our app (available in the App Store or Google Play) by July 13, 2020. Your responses will help us guide our decision-making process for the upcoming school year. Our goal is to collect preliminary data in an effort to make schools safer, better, and stronger. We will accomplish this by preparing different options to serve the unique needs of our students even if school is disrupted again in the future.

As always, we will place the safety of our students, staff, and our community at the forefront of all planning and preparation. Your feedback is crucial as we move forward. Again, thank you for your continued patience and support.

Sincerely,

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