Dear Parent,

We are looking forward to hearing from you at our town hall meeting tonight! In preparation for the meeting, attached is a copy of our preliminary plan. We understand the late hour of this email, and do not expect you to have reviewed it all before the meeting. Please know we are working around the clock to create and communicate this plan, but it is a painstaking process as it is all entirely new to us.

I first want to thank the 50+ individuals involved in the creation of the policies and the implementation plan that is continuing to be developed as I write. Particular thanks go to the health and safety (H&S) committee’s medical professionals who worked, often until 10 pm, to help get us to this point. Much work still needs to be done by our staff in order to open school on time, and this work continues even as the health guidance from the CDC continuously shifts under us. I am extremely grateful to those staff members who are working tirelessly this summer to create the implementation plan behind the policies the H&S team created.

As a reminder, this document has not yet been approved by the Board and is not the full implementation plan, but rather the health and safety plan that needs to be approved by our board and presented to the community and the PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education). The feedback you provide tonight will be extremely valuable to the creation of our implementation plan. Again, please do not feel as though you must read the entire plan before tonight; we will be presenting highlights and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

We will be recording this meeting for those who are unable to attend. Please contact Christine Burrell at cburrell@waldronmercy.org if you cannot attend and would like a copy of the video. We ask that the recording not be shared outside our community.

In Mercy,
Ann Marie