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Evening Chatfield Families,

July 17th, 2020 on the back patio of our campus, I met with our student leaders to connect, discuss the good/bad from remote learning in the spring and talk about ideas to make this year the best it could be. The overwhelming message that was continuously being spoken by each student was, "Broer, we are so tired of staring at a Chromebook from our bedroom. Please, do what you can to keep the doors open, even if we can only come to school two times a week." Their honest voices hit me directly in my heart and was my motivation from that moment on.

Fast forward to today, November 12th, and sadly (as you may have already heard) I must communicate that we are being directed to move to 100% remote learning for the remainder of the semester.

A large part of me feels like we have let the 80+ percent of students who picked hybrid for this semester down. They are now going to return to a learning environment for which many are not wanting. While this day comes with a sense of defeat, I can honestly say our students and staff have done all we can within the walls of our school to keep the doors open. Students were simply amazing at following the one-way hallways, wearing masks and social distancing to the best of their ability. Teachers provided classrooms that made everyone safe. I know these behaviors were not the cause of the rising numbers and in the end as a school, we should look in the mirror with pride that we did our part to keep the doors open. Most people, including me, did not think we would make it this long into the semester. Well done Chargers.

In life some decisions are out of our hands, despite our best efforts -- I truly believe this is an example of that.

Looking ahead to our 100% remote learning, we will continue with our current <u>bell schedule</u>. May I suggest you print this, making it accessible for your student.

I am very confident in the abilities of our staff to still provide a meaningful education to our students. We certainly have learned a lot, when you combine last spring of 100% remote with hybrid this semester. We are well prepared for this flip.

Each teacher will communicate with their students if there are materials to be picked up at the school. Students will be able to access the school during school hours to pick up their materials in the front atrium.

I am hopeful we will be able to welcome your student back to school in January, but nothing is a guarantee when living through a pandemic.

Please stay safe Chatfield.

With much gratitude. Mr. Broer