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Good Afternoon and Happy Friday!

I hope you and your families had a great week and are staying well! Thank you to those of you who attended our Curriculum Nights virtually. We hope you learned more about our curriculum and that it was a valuable experience for you.

While the past four weeks may have had challenges for your family, I hope your children are doing well. They have risen to the challenge and are engaged in their learning, both in school and at home. Thank you for partnering with us and supporting our efforts, both in-person and remotely!

We are now ready to welcome all of our Pre-K through Grade 6 students next Tuesday and are preparing to welcome back our 7th through 12th graders back on October 13th according to our reopening plan.

I consult with the Farmington Valley Health District weekly. The latest information as of today is that there is a 7 day average of 1.6 people testing positive in the Farmington Valley, down from 2.4 the week before. The testing positivity rate is 1.1% down from 1.7% the week prior. This is great news and this health data supports full, in-person learning.

I know many of you have concerns about having all of our students return. If you have specific questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to discuss these with your child's building principal. My number one responsibility is to ensure that our schools are safe and healthy learning environments for our staff and our students. We will continue our daily deep cleaning procedures and will continue to ensure that all staff and students wear face coverings and are practicing physically distancing.

I want to let you know that **Friday, October 9th** will be a full day of professional development for our staff. There will be no school (remote or in-person) for students. This will be a day where the can focus on your own growth and receive additional training in supporting our students and families socially and emotionally, a priority in or District this year. **Middle School and High School Students in Cohort B will attend school on Wednesday and Thursday of that week (week of October 5th).** Our last scheduled day of school will not change. The revised 2020-2021 school calendar can be found on our website - [www.cantonschools.org](http://www.cantonschools.org).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I value your feedback and input.

Have a great weekend!

Stay positive and well! I look forward to seeing our elementary students next Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Kevin D. Case  
Superintendent of Schools

