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To the Carver School Community:

Last night the Carver School Committee voted to start the school year by implementing our remote learning model. As most of you know, we had two employees test positive for COVID-19 last week. At this time, no other employee who had contact with those employees has tested positive or is showing any symptoms. By the end of next week it will be 14 days since those employees tested positive and we will know if there has been any wider spread with more certainty. Also, the employees affected, either by testing positive or being close contacts, are all integral members of the school district's operational staff. This has impacted the district's ability to finalize preparations for the implementation of the hybrid model. The School Committee has decided to take a cautious approach by starting remotely, ensuring that we are fully prepared to safely implement the hybrid model on Monday, September 28th.

The first day of school for students will still be Wednesday, September 16th. We will utilize the remote model from Wednesday, September 16th through Friday, September 25th. We will then transition to the hybrid model for in-person instruction on Monday, September 28th. In both our remote and hybrid model Wednesdays are remote half-days of instruction for all students, so the first day of school on Wednesday, September 16th will be a half-day district-wide. Intensive special education students will still begin in-person learning as planned on Thursday, September 17th. Preschool will begin in-person learning as planned as well on Monday, September 21st. If you have selected a full remote model for your students, full remote students schedules will not change from those already established.

The remote schedule for each grade level is as follows:

[Elementary Remote Schedule](#)

[6-7 Grade Remote Schedule](#)

[8-12 Remote Schedule](#)

Students' individual teachers will be reaching out by email to introduce themselves and provide information and a link on how to access classes remotely by the end of the day Tuesday.

Each building will also be holding informational meetings for parents next week following the schedule below. If you are unable to attend the meeting for your student's grade level at the Middle High School, you may attend the other grade level meeting.

[Grades 6-7](#)

Mon, Sept. 14 at 5:30p
Webinar ID: 833 0788 6948

[Grades 8-12](#)

Mon, Sept. 14 at 7:30p
Webinar ID: 825 9180 8546

[Grades 1-5](#)

Tues. Sept. 15 at 2:00p or 6:00p
Meeting ID: 831 038 9857
Passcode: 127130

[Kindergarten](#)

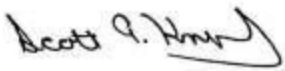
Wed, Sept. 16 at 6:00p
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Passcode: 127130

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The School Committee also voted to approve the high school sports season as proposed by the South Shore League Athletic Directors. The first day of fall practices will be Friday, September 25th. The fall sports being offered this year are boys and girls soccer, field hockey, cross-country, and golf. The MIAA has developed modifications for play for each sport which can be accessed on their website at www.miaa.net. Football, cheerleading and volleyball have been moved to the "Fall 2" season which will be after winter sports. We will be holding a fall sports information meeting the week of September 21st. The date and time of the meeting will be sent out next week.

I acknowledge the hardship that this decision will have on individual families. Please know that we have made the decision that we believe is in the best interest of the entire school community. We will all work through this together. Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott E. Knief". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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