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Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you all healthy and enjoying some deserved time off this summer. Please note that the first day of school for both in-person and virtual instruction for students will be on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020.**

As part of our reopening plan, Holmstead has instituted homerooms, which will run from 8:15 - 8:30 daily. Classes will start at 8:35 and the day will end at 2:15.

**Bus companies should be notifying you of pick-up times within the next few weeks.** Feel free to call the CST office or the transportation office of your district if you have any questions. We anticipate a few transportation wrinkles during the first week of school; especially with the COVID-19 transportation restrictions. All problems will be addressed promptly in order to promote smoothness early on.

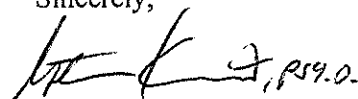
**Students:** Please remember that, according to new guidelines from the NJDOE, **masks must be worn at all times in school** other than lunch. Mask breaks, if needed, will be provided during the day. You will receive your schedule upon arrival and you will select your recreational arts activities. There will be a short assembly prior to the beginning of classes on the first day. Please think about which students you would like to be with for homeroom since this will be your lunch group as well. All lunches/snacks must be brought from home. There will be no food for sale in school. Teachers will let you know supplies necessary to purchase for certain classes.

**Parents:** Please advise us of any changes in address, contact and emergency phone numbers and medical information. If there is a medical reason that your child cannot wear a mask in school, please notify the office immediately so that reasonable accommodations can be developed.

Review all enclosures regarding the upcoming year and sign and return the information sheets.

I look forward to seeing the students **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** to begin a safe and enjoyable school year.

Sincerely,



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