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Dear CCSD Families and Community Members:

The end of the 2019-20 school year is just around the corner; May marks the last full month of school. As is typical with the month of May, CCSD is collaborating with parents, students, and staff members to plan the end of school year activities, celebrating our students' academic and extra-curricular achievements. Our planning processes have openly recognized the complications that our current distance delivery educational model imposes as we look for new ways to meaningfully celebrate our students' academic and extra-curricular achievements. I couldn't be prouder or more honored to work in a community and for a school district that openly recognizes these difficulties, but more importantly has not let these difficulties impede our desire to provide the best educational experiences possible for the students and families we serve. Nothing we have done has been perfect and has worked equally well for all of our students and families, however the desire and dedication to make it as "perfect as possible" has been readily apparent in all that we have done as a community.

May also marks the time of year where CCSD solidifies our plans for the upcoming school year. Typically, there is more certainty involved with our planning as we map out the maintenance schedules for our buildings in preparation for the upcoming school year, and as we solidify our school schedules and staffing needs to ensure we are meeting, to the best of our ability, the needs of each student we serve. Currently, there is uncertainty across the state and nation of what the start of the 2020-2021 school year will look like. As of the writing of this letter we know that all school buildings are to remain closed through the remainder of this school year, that is all we know. However, there are strong indicators across the state that school districts will not be going back to "normal" operations for the start of the upcoming school year. Given this uncertainty, CCSD will develop plans that will encompass the following scenarios for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year:

- Continuing our distance education model, taking what we've learned to improve our delivery model for next school year, and
- Developing modified school schedules where CCSD instructional staff provide direct instruction to small groups of students during specific, designated times of the day with distant learning follow-up and support.

Our intent is to plan for multiple scenarios for the start of the next school year that we can then tighten and concretize in August when more information will be available.

In conjunction with our planning for next school year, CCSD's homeschool/correspondence program, PACE, continues improving our service model for the families we serve on POW and statewide. Given the uncertainty of the situation surrounding the start of the upcoming school year, PACE is positioned to provide our new families and our current families curricula and scheduling options that can include full enrollment in our program with the development of an

individualized student learning plan for each student, or a blended enrollment between PACE and a student's local community school. PACE's intent is to be the strongest homeschool/correspondence option in the state, providing families the greatest array of curricula choices and flexibility with scheduling possible.

As always, thank you for your support and guidance as we all navigate these uncertain times together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Reitan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized "C".

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