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Dear Pennsbury Community,

Over the past weekend, we marked the one-year anniversary of the closure of our schools and offices in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus.

Since that time, I hope you will agree we have all learned a great deal and grown closer as a community. Together, we relied on our own adaptability, developed our digital skills beyond anything we could have possibly imagined, and provided support for one another as our interdependence became manifested in our success.

As an administrative team, we are reflecting on what this year-long experience has taught us:

- Children truly are at the heart of all decisions made by all staff.
- Take nothing for granted.
- Change, while hard, is possible.
- We are limited only by what we *think* is possible to do--we were all capable of much more than we realized.
- Collaboration is necessary for meaningful, long-lasting change.
- There are ways to stay connected (staff-staff, staff-student, student-student) even if not sharing physical space.
- Social connections are as critical as academic success.
- Leaning into discomfort and the unfamiliar results in new learning and growth.
- Who we are transcends where we are.

In addition, we are focusing on how our students, staff, and community rose to all of the challenges this past year:

- The perseverance and resilience of students contributed to our overall success.
- Teachers reinvented the way they now provide learning opportunities.
- Innovative professional development led by technology coaches and the teachers themselves brought about remarkable adjustments to ensure fidelity to our curriculum and instructional model.
- Honest feedback from community and staff helped inform vital decision-making.
- Students, staff, and the community showed great compassion toward others with video messages, acts of community service, and generous donations.

The leadership team at Pennsbury School District is honored to serve our proud community and values the trust placed in us to do so. We remain dedicated to our mission and will continue to work tirelessly to

### MISSION

*Recognizing our proud traditions and diverse community, the Pennsbury School District prepares all students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society.*

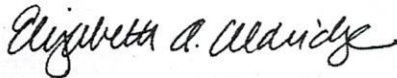
strike the balance of providing for the health and safety of our students and staff while ensuring all learners, students and adults alike, will flourish in the years to come.

Our team extends our sincerest gratitude to all in our community as we move toward the reopening of our schools on a 4-day-a week basis beginning March 29<sup>th</sup> (grades PreK-5) and April 12<sup>th</sup> (grades 6-12).

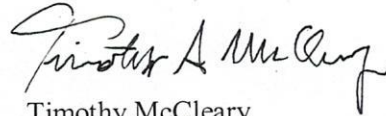
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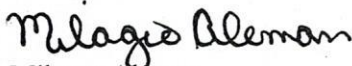
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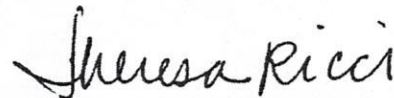
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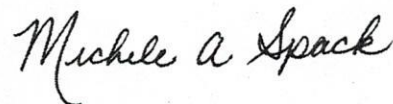
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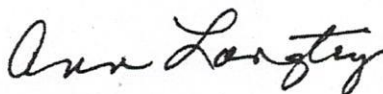
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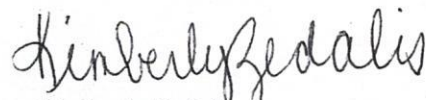
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