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Dear OHES Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe, well and enjoying these last days of summer.

As you know, the district's August 19th communication confirmed that we will start the school year with a full virtual model for all students on September 8th. Our goal is to begin our hybrid model on October 12th.

Our school community of teachers and administrators have worked diligently this summer to develop hybrid and virtual learning models that deliver highly effective standards-based instruction coupled with social-emotional learning. The well-being of our students continues to remain a priority for us.

To learn more, parents are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 2nd for our Virtual Parent Orientation**. We will host our Kindergarten families at 6:00 pm, followed by families with students in first and second grade at 7:00 pm. The presentation will include information about the schedule, our academic and social-emotional program and what your child can expect to experience during the school day. We will also share tips for virtual learning success and a review of the hybrid model. A Zoom meeting invite will be shared prior to the presentation which will be recorded for those unable to attend.

**Additional Virtual Instruction Information:**

- Virtual instruction will be delivered on a regular full day schedule following a 6-day cycle.
- Student placements will be shared on August 28th at 5pm. Student placements will only be accessible once all required forms are completed. Information regarding these forms and how to access them will be shared on August 21st.
- Save the dates:
  - Virtual Parent Orientation - Wednesday, September 2nd
    - Kindergarten 6:00 pm
    - First and Second Grades 7:00 pm
  - Virtual Teacher Meet and Greet - September 3rd and/or 4th. Specific dates/times will be shared by your child's teacher.
  - Chromebook and learning resource distribution information will be forthcoming.

Our goal is to provide you with as much information as possible and to support a smooth transition to the start of the school year for you and your family. During these challenging times it is important for all of us to model resiliency while nurturing and developing this trait in our children. Together we will strive to create a positive and exciting start to a new school year.

Warmest regards,

Kathleen Scotti, Principal