Dear Parkside Parents and Students:

Unfortunately a number of our staff members have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case. Because of the large number of staff members involved and in an effort to prevent an outbreak, the decision has been made to move to remote learning for the next two weeks. We want to reassure you that our school staff and teachers have been working hard to provide a safe environment for our students, however, while we continue to do everything we can at our school, we need your help and support to ensure our students and staff can remain healthy and stay safe. Please make sure your family is adhering to the countywide health order to avoid large group gatherings and wearing a mask in public, especially when social distancing is not possible. In addition, when school resumes, please do not send students who are sick or who have been exposed to a positive person to school. The safety and education of our students are our top priority and we are doing everything we can in facilitating both as we balance the health and safety of all in the building with continued student learning.

Monday, October 26 will be a preparation day for teachers. On Tuesday, October 27 online learning will begin and go through Friday, November 6. School will resume in-person on Monday, November 9. During remote learning, our teachers will be holding Zoom meetings each day with their classes. These Zoom meetings will allow our students to engage with their teachers and classmates. Please know that these live meetings may not span the entire length of the class day, but they will provide the opportunity to connect as needed. This two-week period without students in the building will give us time to clean and give the school a reset to get all staff and students back as safely as possible.

Other information:

- **Breakfast and Lunch**
  Lunch and a breakfast for the following morning will be available as a grab and go pickup in front of the school from 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Monday – Friday.

- **Instruction**
  This online schedule is NOT intended to be two weeks off of school. Please have your student(s) stay engaged with your classes through Google Classroom. You can expect that there will be assignments and learning activities. Not all instruction will be live, as we recognize there are many family dynamics at this time, so students will still be able to access Google Classroom pages as needed and teachers should have recordings of their lessons. If your student is struggling please reach out to their teacher.

- **Grades**
  Online learning will not have an automatic passing grade. Parents, students and teachers will need to work together to achieve proficiency, progress, and earn passing grades. Please stay engaged!

- **Picking up Chromebooks:** Our office staff will contact you and schedule a time when you can come pick up your child’s Chromebook if it is not already at home with you.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this year’s turbulences together. Parents, please encourage your student/s to follow the typical daily schedule, since we are hoping to only be doing this school soft-closure for two weeks. It is so important for our students to maintain good habits of getting up and following established school routines.
Heather Nicholas
Principal