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To the Parents/Guardians of Martha Currie Students,

What a year! For all the anxiety and uncertainty that surrounded it, we have made the effort to remind our students that we have been a part of history! Eventually the pandemic will end, and the students will be able to tell stories about how life was during this time. Through it all, we have been very proud of our staff for how hard they have worked to make major changes to a whole system twice in a short period of time. We have also been very proud of our students and families who have had to endure such a difficult change in their lives but were able to keep moving forward. Great job by all!

What will happen in September?

-Throughout the pandemic, Martha Currie has been following the lead of the Surrey School District, which, in turn, has been following the protocols laid out by the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office. This will continue in September. Without a crystal ball, it is hard to know exactly what to expect. We will endeavour to keep you in the loop through updates when the time is right, so please ensure you have signed up for newsletters through our school website.

-At this point, our staff is planning for a full return with an eye on adjusting to wherever our province is at in a couple of months. That means that we are preparing for a plan with students returning to the building and a plan for a continuation of the blended learning. At this point, the District has talked about making students' attendance mandatory. We would ask you to wait until we get more information in late August before we can confirm anything with you.

-In between, we recommend that you avoid getting 'news' through social media and just enjoy your time with your family. As we have done throughout these last few months, we will make decisions in September with everyone's best interest at heart.

-Finally, we have a lot of faith in our staff. Whatever September looks like, it will be the best (and safest) we can make it!

We have previously sent out a the 2020-21 Calendar, but please add the following:

-Oct. 7-Student Photos, Nov. 4-Retakes, April 23-Class and Teams Photos

Thank you to **Jamie Metz** of One Stop Fundraising for donating Entertainment Books to our staff in recognition of the work they do for our students. It was very appreciated!

We would like to wish **Ms. J. McLuskie** the best, as she will be moving to Prince George. Good luck!

Please know that, while we cannot do a Parent Appreciation Tea this year, our staff is still extremely appreciative of all the time, support, and partnership that our parents have given all year long. We are fortunate to work in a caring community. On that note, on behalf of our staff, we wish all of our families a happy, healthy, and safe summer. All the best to our grade 7's who are moving on to high school. For our returning families, we will see you on Sept. 8.

Sincerely,

Bobby Samra and Rachel Ladd
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)