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Students and Parents,

Earlier this week Governor Mills shared her plan to gradually reopen our state. The plan she presented will slowly open businesses and lifts restrictions over the next few months. Unfortunately, based on the details of this plan, we will not be able to reopen our school buildings this spring. I had hoped we would be able to bring students back, if even for a short time, but sadly that is not going to be able to happen.

We will be continuing remote education for the remainder of the school year. Students will be learning new curriculum material starting on May 4th and continuing through the end of the year. The last day of remote learning for students will be Friday June 5th. At that time, summer vacation will begin for all students. From June 5th to the end of the school calendar our staff will be participating in professional development activities.

Seniors, yesterday Ms. Callan shared with me a draft of a plan for high school graduation. We are still working out a few of the details, but your graduation will be held on June 4th at the High School. Ms. Callan, Mr. McLaughlin or Mr. Dunbar will be contacting the seniors to go over the specifics of the plan. For the families of our 8th grade students, Mr. Hatch and Mr. Clark at Messalonskee Middle School or Ms. Bowden and Ms. Murphy at China Middle School will be in touch with you soon.

As I reflect on the events of this spring, I am so incredibly proud. Not a day has gone by that I have not been inspired by all of you. The commitment by our students to continue their learning, and the true empathy and caring for one another, all I can say is thank you. I hope the rest of the year goes well for everyone, stay healthy and take care of yourself.

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