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Dear Student Family,

As we all know and are experiencing, school, along with all social norms, is challenging and is certainly not ideal in this pandemic. With that, I wanted to thank you, the student family, for your contributions to and support of, your child(ren)’s education.

Whether your child partakes in the “Hybrid” program or is a “Fulltime Distance Learner”, you are tasked to add “part-time teacher” to your already busy daily routine. Many of you have been forced to reorganize your schedule to accommodate your child’s learning and become technology gurus overseeing and ensuring that your child is engaged and participating in daily learning activities. All this, along with maintaining your employment and associated responsibilities.

Please accept this correspondence as a simple “thank you”. Thank you for taking an even larger role in the academic progress of your child(ren). The families of Wharton, similarly with the families of our school’s staff, are enduring and progressing through extraordinarily trying times. Our students are too. The socialization of our students, a vital component of a child’s development, has been negatively impacted, and irregular schedules and nontraditional services also take their toll. Family support during these times and involvement in the educational process assists in mitigating these effects. Your help is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

We all have our personal struggles and hardships related to the consequences of COVID-19. We also all have our own manners of managing these. Our students depend and rely on us, the collective us, parents, teachers, staff, family members, etc., to ensure they are supported, learning and safe.

Thank you to all those involved in the challenge of making the best education possible for our children in this trying time. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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