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Dear families,

We are writing to announce a scheduling change regarding Milestones' April school vacation and our make-up days in June. This announcement supersedes scheduling information that was initially provided when our school first announced a temporary closure on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

- On Friday evening (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) the Commissioner of DESE, Jeff Riley, announced that all schools are authorized to make our own local decisions regarding whether to hold or cancel April school vacation in light of our extended temporary school closures. Commissioner Riley confirmed that Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> must remain as a required school closing date due to the Patriot's Day holiday, but schools have the option of canceling their scheduled vacations from Tuesday- Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> to proceed with remote learning instead of making up those four school days in June. DESE continues to affirm that schools are only being required to make up a total of 5 school days this year resulting from a combination of snow day make-ups and temporary school closure dates.
- Our Leadership team and Board of Directors have conferred, and Milestones believes it is in the clear best interest of our students to continue programming during April vacation. Our students significantly benefit from structure and consistency, and we believe that it will be detrimental for their learning to experience another gap in services and programming. We are presently on a positive trajectory with remote learning and continuing with this momentum will be beneficial for their instruction.
- **As a result, Milestones will be closed as scheduled on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (in observance of Patriot's Day) but we will continue with remote learning from Tuesday – Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- Milestones had 1 snow day cancellation in December, so that missed school day will be made up in June in order to reach Milestones' 216 day annual requirement. **Based on this decision, Milestones' revised last day of school will be Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.** DESE approved this local decision and calendar change today.

We understand that this unprecedented period has challenged each and every one of us to practice our skills with flexibility during such an uncertain time. But regarding this specific change, we are deeply appreciative of DESE's authorization for each school to make a decision that will best align with the specific needs of our own school community.

Sincerely,

Kim Rockers, Chief Executive Officer

Alex Smith Michaels, Founder and Chief Operating Officer

Deborah Abbott, Chief Financial Officer