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Dear Wallenpaupack LIVE Parents/Guardians:

As the first three weeks of school have quickly passed, we wanted to reach out to the Wallenpaupack LIVE parents to offer an opportunity for your children to return to school. We recognize that this is a change from our initial guidance, which asked parents to commit to a 45-day educational placement. However, with the internet service outages, many of which were out of our control, and the fact that students learning in-person are having a rewarding experience, we wanted to let you know that if your family is considering a return to school for your children, that we will accommodate that transition at this time-there is no need to wait until the end of the first quarter. The Health and Safety Plan created for all our buildings has been implemented with fidelity, which has allowed us to keep schools open for face to face instruction safely.

There is simply no comparison for teaching and learning through face to face instruction versus online/remote learning. Although our teachers and staff have worked valiantly to replicate the same learning environment, the experience cannot be compared. Teachers and students build a strong rapport and relationships through face to face human contact and interaction. It is with this in mind that we strongly recommend our students attend school in the in-person model, if possible.

If your family is in a circumstance that does not allow for your children to return to school, we understand and will continue to do our best in delivering the most effective online instruction. As we move through our new form of education, we are constantly assessing our educational model and tweaks may be necessary to create the most effective learning environment. If you are confident in moving your children from Wallenpaupack LIVE to face to face instruction, or you have questions that you would like answered prior to making the decision, please contact your child's building principal.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith E. Gunuskey".

Keith E. Gunuskey, Pandemic Coordinator
Assistant Superintendent