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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been great to have our students back at school and to connect with those who are distance learning. The 2020-2021 school year is already teaching us patience and flexibility. We have been establishing routines, teaching safety protocols and creatively problem solving this new way of teaching and learning. We are all in this together and I encourage you to reach out to your child's school for support when needed.

We understand there are technical issues taking place and apologize for the inconvenience. Our technology department has been working diligently to correct issues as they arise. A helpful tip: the recommended browser is Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari.

For anyone that is struggling to access Schoology or may have device issues, please start with your child's teacher to let them know about your challenge is, confirm your child was in attendance today and to seek out an alternative assignment. Please remember, if you're having other technology issues, please reach out to the Technology Support Hotline at 589-7100 x3481. Attached is a technology guide as well.

In addition to our school parking lots, both the Spencer and Van Etten Libraries offer free Wi-Fi. Please contact them for their hours and availability. They are also linked on our website under: <http://www.svecsd.org/communityinfo.cfm>
As we learn more, we will let families know.

Parent trainings are available on our website for both technology and COVID related protocols. You can access these trainings by going to www.svecsd.org/reopen.cfm and choose Parent Trainings.

In order to follow our safety protocols, Open House for each school will be virtual this year. We have pushed back the dates to allow extra time for planning and to provide high quality virtual Open Houses. Further details will be provided from your child's school. Please mark the following dates on your calendar.

Elementary School Open House – October 14th

Middle School Open House – October 7th

High School Open House – October 5th

Section IV has decided to postpone all Fall 2020 athletics to March 1, 2021. Attached is the official Press Release. We are under the assumption that Winter Athletics will begin January 2021 and are working on a plan to begin off-season workouts when we can safely do so per mandates of Department of Health and guidance from NYSPHSAA. Our strength and conditioning coach is continuing to provide virtual workouts until we are ready to officially begin.

The Food Service Department is providing meals to all students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals that have made previous arrangements with the Food Service Director. All students have the option to purchase and take-home meals on their in-person learning days for days they are distance learning. These meals should be organized through the Food Service Department.

Additionally, the Food Cupboard is available to provide food for anyone in need. Attached is a letter from the Food Cupboard for families. We appreciate our partnership with our local Food Cupboard.

Be well,

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