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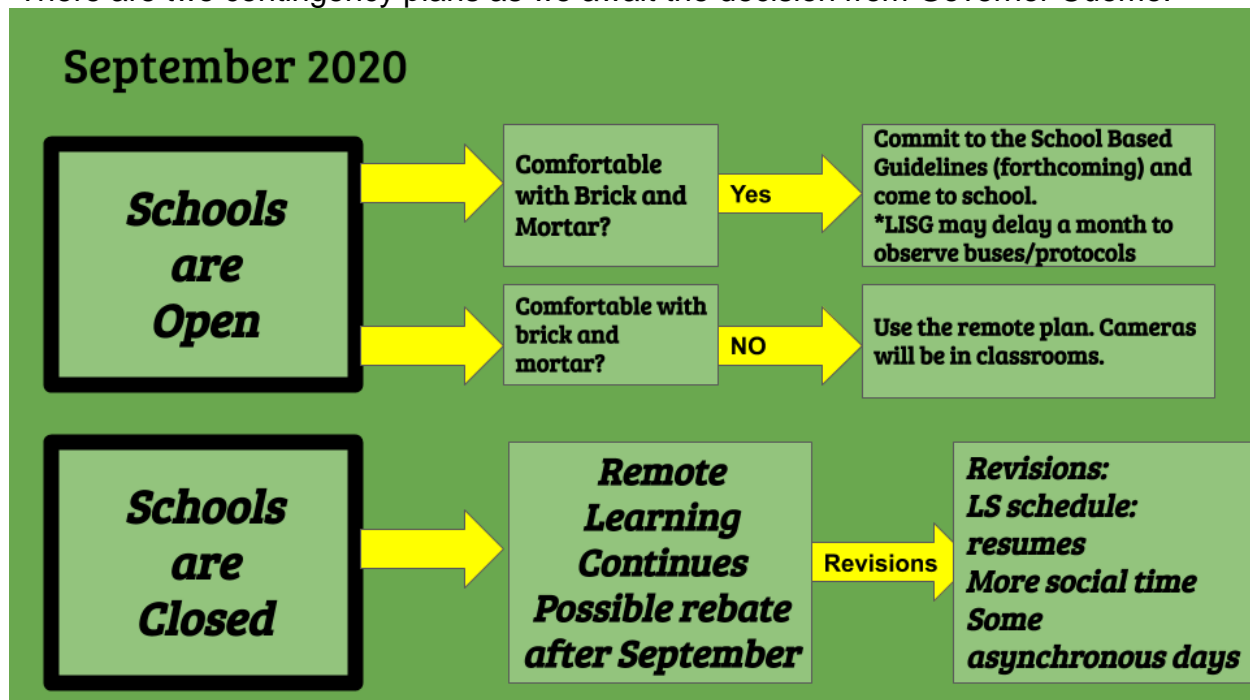
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Dear Families,

June 9, 2020

As we close the academic year, the staff joins me in thanking you for being such terrific parent partners. We began like every year and found ourselves in a pandemic which impacted every aspect of our lives. The staff pivoted quickly and your children remained our top priority. Many families and other schools were impressed by our ability to move online in a few days. Here is the secret. The success of the program was planned well in advance. We started planning and training in February, and although we did not know how long we would be out, it was clear that preparation was critical. We were not perfect and there is still work to be done. That is why we are already planning for September.

There are two contingency plans as we await the decision from Governor Cuomo.



Once we know the official ruling, we will send you the guidelines and protocols so you can make an informed decision.

Congratulations to all! During this time, everyone up toiled! We downloaded, uploaded, updated, zoomed, googlemet, shared screens, added backgrounds, and learned shortcuts! We collaborated with adults and children. The children were resilient and even our youngest learners adapted. In fact, I am getting GoogleMeet invites from first grade students during their reading class! Some children are inviting me to lunch or after school GoogleMeets!

Each week there were mountains to climb and once you conquered one, you started climbing the next. Some days were hard but not as hard as the job of the essential workers. Perspective and patience kept us all going.

I am so proud of the entire staff and their efforts. They have navigated the distance learning with dignity and grace. As we look toward the future, I will work with the LISG reflective scholar practitioners and make the necessary revisions for reopening on either contingency. It has been an honor to work with the staff, the children and you, our parent partners.

Let me conclude with the reality that I have no idea what the 2020-21 will bring. What I know is that LISG will be ready. We have already conquered challenges and summer will give us the opportunity to retool once again. We remain committed to our mission and will continue to put the safety and happiness of your children first. We love them and we miss them.

I hope to see you at the car parade to toast our graduates big and small, on June 12th at 1pm.

I wish you a peaceful summer and I look forward to a time when we can all be together. Until we meet again, be well.

Dr. Geyer