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Dear School Community Members,

I hope you and your loved ones are all safe and well. This letter comes to you with good news about the rebuild phase at Midland School.

The asbestos abatement referenced in my letter dated February 19, 2021 has been completed. All requirements for this process have been met and the building now has clearance to begin the construction phase. The rebuild construction phase is still projected to take about six weeks, taking us through the month of April. During this construction phase we will be able to occupy the building. The week of March 8th will be key in preparing the building for students to return.

As previously noted, the district pursued having educational trailers and this is being fulfilled. Once in place, all students will have the opportunity to return to classroom learning. The trailers are due to arrive on March 9th. The full set up process is expected to be completed by the end of next week. As such, we continue to target Monday, March 15, 2021 for a return to classroom learning that continues with the hybrid model of Team Maroon and Team White. Please recognize that there are aspects of this work that are not within our control. While we would like to say March 15th is the definite date for return, at this time we must regard it as our targeted and anticipated date of return. A status update will be provided again next week.

This school year is truly unlike any other. Never could we have imagined navigating through a pandemic, and to have added on this layer of major damage to Midland School is almost surreal. Regardless, every member of this community has been steadfast in doing their part. This week, as Midland School honored Read Across America week, the rich and wonderful experiences that make Midland School such a great place to be were all readily apparent. Please continue to embrace all that you are, and stay the course. We look forward to seeing you in the classrooms again.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sue DeNobile,
Superintendent