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An open letter to the families, staff and students of the Central Square School District:

These are incredibly trying days as all of us try to figure out how to most effectively navigate a pandemic. As you are fully aware, the District has developed and executed on a plan to maintain an environment of learning that is sustainable, while also following the many mandates that have been put in place by oversight agencies. While there is no perfect plan, this letter is to vocalize that the Board of Education is 100% still in support of the plan that is being executed. We know that it is not ideal, and it is not what we would wish. Please remember this plan is built around the mandates as set forth by the Governor and the State Board of Education while trying to fulfill our students' needs to the best of our ability. That being said, in our opinion, it is the best plan that can be executed at this time.

Administration and staff are working through incredibly difficult circumstances. We fully realize how difficult it is for parents, for students and for everyone in the community as well. While there have been, are, and will continue to be cases of Covid-19 confirmed in students, staff, or community members, having as many students in person as possible is critically important. Each and every day we all are required to make decisions about what we are comfortable with, what we are willing to do, and what the best situation is for us. The district's plan has been laid out and is being carried out, and we believe that every possible precaution is being taken to balance all that needs to be considered. During this holiday season, we would simply ask everyone to be as encouraging as possible to the students, to the staff, and to the families involved. There is nothing easy about any of this, and there is also nothing being taken lightly. We continue to meet regularly with all stakeholders, and will continue to adjust and implement a plan as effectively as possible.

As always, we welcome feedback and input. Our Board of Education meeting schedule is posted on our district website, and the community is always welcome to attend those and share feedback there. In the meantime, we wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, and hope that all stay safe, stay strong and stay united. As one we rise, together we soar!

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Martin II
Board of Education President

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