



Charter School of Inquiry

May 18, 2020

Dear CSI Families,

This school year has presented parents, students, and teachers with unprecedented challenges. I want to thank you for your support and cooperation during these difficult times.

It is an understatement to say that we are all brokenhearted that children will not be back in school for the remainder of the school year. We had so many wonderful plans for activities to enrich the educational experience of our students that we cannot provide due to the closure. Certainly, it was beyond anyone's control, but I recognize that students lost out on special events and activities such as field trips, the annual fashion show, the open house featuring our drill team and chorus, the June Jubilee, the annual art show, kindergarten and sixth grade moving up ceremonies, guest speakers, an African drumming and dance assembly, and field day. Many of these activities define the educational experience at CSI as much as our daily teaching and learning.

The future is never guaranteed, but I am looking forward to resuming school as normal in the fall; however, at the same time, we are preparing to take all necessary precautions to keep our students, staff, and families safe.

We are still waiting for further guidance from New York State and the Buffalo Public School District, but discussions are underway to provide some form of academic support to students over the summer, even if it must be a continuation of remote instruction.

Please continue to have your children complete their hardcopy packets, stay in contact with their teachers, and participate in online learning opportunities. Our children have lost so much this year due to the shelter-in-place, but we cannot let them lose ground academically.

The work contained in this packet is due during the week of June 15. Final report cards will be mailed home. **Since students will not have been in the building at all during the fourth quarter, grades will be heavily based on the work that they complete during remote instruction.**

All Chromebooks that were borrowed from the school must be returned by Friday, June 19.

As always, the students and families of CSI are in my thoughts and prayers, and I look forward to better times to come.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Sheffield,
Head of School