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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we end this school year, I wanted to thank each of you for being patient with us during the pandemic this last year and a half. It has been challenging at times, but with your help we made it through. With that in mind, I wanted to take this opportunity to make a couple of announcements for next year.

First, masks will be completely optional next year and social distancing rules will be relaxed as well. We will not be contact tracing, but we will let you know if your child(ren) is exposed to someone who has COVID-19 and allow you to decide whether to self-isolate.

Secondly, unless TEA offers some type of plausible options, we will not be offering any type of online learning. We still believe that the best learning occurs in the classroom with a teacher. Next year will be spent identifying learning gaps and accelerating the learning in the classroom to close those gaps.

One thing that we need to work on together is having students at school every day so that learning takes place. Our attendance was down this year due to the pandemic and we expect to partner with you to ensure that your child(ren) is present every day, ready to learn.

We expect to reopen school in August in a normal environment where volunteers and parents can return to help in classrooms. If you have any concerns or questions related to the next school year, please feel free to call or email me. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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