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Dear Parents, Staff, and Students of the Enfield Public Schools,

As you know, we are continuing with our hybrid plan until Friday, November 6, 2020. Although it is still my hope that we will be able to begin full, in-person learning on Monday, November 9, 2020, we are still monitoring public health data daily to determine if this is possible. I've said from the beginning that we've never experienced anything like this before, and we have to remain committed to being flexible, as circumstances can change daily. Due to our experience over the past six weeks, we are making a small modification to our current hybrid plan.

Beginning Wednesday, October 21, while we are on a **hybrid schedule only**, our remote days will involve asynchronous instruction only. Teachers will not be conducting live lessons on Wednesdays; instead, they will be utilizing this time to engage in the training and preparation necessary to keep our hybrid plan up and running. This will also include scheduling parent-teacher conferences for Wednesdays, giving families more opportunities to connect with their child's teacher. As in the spring, teachers will still be online throughout the day to answer questions from students and families, but this change is necessary to ensure we are providing our staff every resource possible to navigate our students through these challenging times.

I realize this change may be inconvenient for some families, and I apologize for that, but please understand we are committed to doing everything we can to provide the best learning experience possible for students during these unprecedented times. Families and students are not the only ones struggling during this extraordinary year; equally, our teachers and staff have been learning to adjust to this new normal. Although they will never say it, our teachers need all the support we can give them right now, and this change will help them continue to be their best for your children. If you haven't done so already, please don't hesitate to share your appreciation for a teacher you know; they all could use it right now.

As I've said before, I hope this public health crisis will be over soon. Until it is, however, we all need to remain flexible in the midst of the circumstances we face, but we will never change our mission—providing the best and safest opportunities for our students.

Thank you - and stay well,

Christopher J. Drezek

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