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Hello PS7 Elementary Scholars and Families,

It is crazy to think that it has already been a month since we embarked on this Distance Learning journey. I cannot even begin to tell you how proud I am of the grit and determination our scholars and all of you have shown throughout this unprecedented time. Although this has been a large adjustment, there have been so many moments of success, and I know, no matter what else this year brings, together, we will see it through.

Throughout the past month, as mentioned, above, there have been so many successes! First, we kicked off the 20-21 school year fully online and live! Our scholars have had the opportunity to interact with each other and with their teachers, and because of our fully live model, we have been able to mirror the regular school day as much as possible, with our scholars continuing to attend all core classes, along with their electives! Just last week we had 68% of PS7 families attend our 'Drive-Thru Pick-Up Extravaganza.' This week we had 48% of PS7 families attend our first ever Virtual Back To School Night. We have had TWO PS7 Zoom assemblies (one for TK-2nd and one for 3rd-5th) where we had over 230 scholars attend to cheer on each other during the Class Chant Competition. We have also welcomed our new TK and Kindergarten scholars to school in the virtual setting and they are doing amazing! Even during this unprecedented time, our PS7 Elementary community continues to thrive, and we continue to work our hardest to ensure our scholars are on the path to go to and through college.

We are committed to ensuring that we provide all of our families with clear and frequent communication regarding the return to the traditional school setting, and also recommendations from the Sacramento County Health Department. Know that every decision we make at St. HOPE and PS7 is based on recommendations from the Health Department and is made with our scholars' and staff safety in mind. We are still planning to finish out our Quarter One with Benchmarks at the end of September in our distance learning model. At this time, we are not cleared to start school physically as our county is still on the states watchlist, but again, we will continue to meet with the Sacramento County Health Department, and send out communication with any changes or updates as soon as it is made available.

If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact our PS7 Elementary Front Office at 916-649-7850. We are here to help and support your family navigate Distance Learning. Thank you for being a part of our PS7 Family and stay tuned for more updates.

Best,

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