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Dear Hillcrest Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are very excited to welcome all of the students back tomorrow and kick off our second semester! We hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating break doing all the things you love in a socially distanced way!

We will return to a full remote model tomorrow and hope to welcome back our in person kiddos on January 25th. Our Teachers have been engaged in planning and preparing over the past few days and are ready to greet your kids on-line starting at 8:05 tomorrow in their class meeting. Please help by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, have a good breakfast, dress and have all of their materials ready before logging in. Now is a good time to plug in those Chromebooks to ensure they are fully charged as well.

Please remember to call the attendance line if your student will be absent due to illness, if they are experiencing technical issues and can not log in, or for any reason they are missing class throughout the day. If you are having issues you can also contact your teacher via DoJo or email.

The building will be open Thursday and Friday from 8-12 and 12:30-3pm, and then we will resume normal business hours starting January 11th. Please visit our website for more school information: <https://hillcrest.adams12.org>.

As you may be aware, all elementary schools are scheduled to have an Assessment Day on Jan. 15. This year, in our efforts to prioritize safety of both students and staff, we will be adjusting the single-day structure and will be implementing the assessments over the course of a multi-day window. Because we greatly value the information and personal touch points that in-person assessments provide, we will continue to offer the assessments in-person. The information we gather during these assessments gives educators critical information they need to plan for individual instruction for your child.

The window approach will allow schools to stagger individual and small group sessions in school buildings in a responsible and safe manner. The window for completing assessments this year will be Jan. 11-22.

Though assessments will be taking place on more than one day, each student will still engage in only a single day of assessment. On the day of your child's scheduled assessment session, he/she will be provided asynchronous instruction. Synchronous Instruction will be provided on the other days of the assessment window.

Your classroom teacher has reached out with the exact assessment times. Due to the need to stagger assessment times we were not able to support coordinating siblings like we have in the past. If you have not received your assessment day and time, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding with this adjustment in scheduling.

Happy New Year,

Stephanie Taylor
Principal