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Dear Doyon Families,

I am sorry for the delay in sending this week's newsletter. It has been a busy week. As a school community, it was incredibly sad to receive the news from Governor Baker on Tuesday that we would not be returning to school for the remainder of the year. Although we all understand this is the right decision for the safety and well-being of all of us, it is hard to believe.

A reminder to the students: *The building may be closed but school is still happening*. Students need to continue to stay engaged, complete the assigned work, and participate in the online communication being offered. Students and families need to know we continue to be here for you as we adjust to this new transition of being home for the remainder of the school year.

Last night, I had the opportunity to participate in the IPS School Committee ZOOM meeting which can be found on ICAM. It was a pleasure to be able to present to the School Committee all that is happening at Doyon with Remote Learning and the caring of others. I couldn't be more proud of our students, staff, and families.

Some questions that need to be answered:

- What will "Moving On" and the transition look like for our 5th graders?
First of all, yes, there will be some type of ceremony, I promise! What it will look like and when it would happen has not been determined. The staff and I will reach out to parents and students for their input in this decision. There also will be some transition activities put into place. Once again, information will be shared once decisions are made.
- Will students be able to gather their belongings from school? Yes.
As we are in the height of the pandemic, coming to school at this time is not an option. I will work with staff to decide how to and when this will happen. I will share the decision in a future newsletter.
- Are there any families in need of support that we as a Doyon community can assist?
Please contact your child's teacher, Dominie O'Neill, doneill@ipsk12.net, Julia MacDougall jmacdougall@ipsk12.net and/or myself so we can do what we can to help.
- How can we bring some joy to the situation around us?
Send your wonderful "Acts of Kindness and Friendship" clips to Mrs. Cardew at wcardew@ipsk12.net. She plans to create a "DOYON GOOD NEWS" video.

At the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School, our vision is to create a joyful learning community of creative thinkers, innovative problem solvers and compassionate citizens of the world.

In closing, are you saving your 3 highlights of the week to share with me in the future? I hope so.

My first highlight of the week was celebrating Mrs. Costoplus, Ms. Digby, and Mrs. DiGenova as it was Administrative Assistant/ Secretary's Day this week. We all know how important these three ladies are to our Doyon Community. THANK YOU for all that you do for us. Since I couldn't give them a big hug, I delivered flowers to all three of them from all of us!

My second highlight was seeing many of you on Flipgrids and Seesaw this week! I love reading the comments and videos that you are sharing!

My third highlight was seeing how successful DreamBox and Lexia participation has been. We should all be so proud of our students how hard they are working on their Remote Learning.

I can't begin to thank our staff for their time, effort, and dedication. Thank you for those families who have sent emails with questions, concerns, suggestions, and praises about our incredible staff. I hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy. Miss you all.

Sincerely,

Sheila