Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Dear Athenian Parents,

As you know by now, the shelter-in-place order has been extended through the end of May. It was not the news I wanted, but it was the news I expected. I think among the things I desire most in this moment is a little dose of certainty. Unfortunately, we just don’t have it yet.

Nevertheless, we have a task force busy planning for next year, imagining what school will look like with our kids back on campus. We are envisioning school with physical distancing measures, new hygiene requirements, and other sacrifices that will enable us to resume on-campus learning. Of course, at the end of the day, what we can and cannot do will depend on how the pandemic evolves over the coming months.

I know we are disappointed by the extension of sheltering in place, and that this has been a difficult time personally and financially for many of our families. Please know that we see you, and we will get through this together.

And finally, some of you may know that next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I encourage you to share your gratitude for all of the educators in your life, including your children’s teachers.

Please take a moment to view my video message:
Stay safe and keep the faith.

With gratitude,

Eric F. Niles