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Dear Lynn Public Schools Families,

As we bring the first full week of instruction to a close, I feel duty bound to extend my sincere thanks for your partnership and your patience. Over the summer months, we worked to build and, to the extent possible, polish systems and structures and develop skills to support an opening under circumstances we have never before experienced. Predictably, there have been challenges since September 16th, the first day of orientation. In all honesty, there are challenges each day, nonetheless, the number and depth of the challenges are decreasing with each passing day. This trend is due in large part to the unyielding efforts of the Lynn Public Schools staff and equally your efforts at home. The journey ahead will not be without challenges, but we got this...together!

As we move forward on this journey together, I want you to know that we are approaching the very systems and structures we have developed with flexibility in mind. As this is uncharted territory for all of us, there needs to be a commitment to assess and adjust when and where necessary. I am intimately aware of concerns in the realm of screen time, meal accessibility, and technology in general. Shifts or solutions are already in the works for these and other concerns. Further, we are in the process of developing a mechanism through which we can collect your feedback so that we may continue to make thoughtful and appropriate shifts to meet student need.

As we march on, I want to make sure that you are informed and supported and that your feedback is embraced. Much of these processes happen at the school level. Nonetheless, I want to continue to avail myself to you in the same way. Accordingly, **I will host a virtual town hall on Wednesday, October 14th at 6pm.** Links for this event will be shared on Tuesday, October 13th.

Yours in partnership,

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