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Dear Foxborough Community,

This week we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. I would like to thank all of our parents and guardians who submitted the hundreds of pictures for the wonderful video tribute to Foxborough Educators. I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Igo parent Amy LaBrache, and Foxboro Cable Access Director Mike Weber for putting this amazing video together. The video captured our teachers' hearts with every student smile and creative image displayed. Teachers have continued to reach out this week to express their appreciation for this tribute while commenting on how much more it made them miss being with their students. Many admitted that it brought them to tears too. Pictures really do speak a thousand words. We also celebrated National Nurses Day this week. We are thankful for all that our nurses do for our students as well!

This week we hoped to roll out WebEx as a new video conferencing option for our school community. The purpose of the WebEx platform is to expand the number of simultaneous video streams that can be seen by our teachers and students at once. However, during our initial testing, we discovered a software "bug" in WebEx that would impact our ability to ensure our meetings are as safe and secure as possible for our staff and students. We are working with WebEx support and engineering to resolve this bug and are waiting on a fix. Unfortunately, we are unable to proceed with WebEx until they can resolve this issue. As soon as WebEx provides us with a technical fix, we will verify the system is ready to share with our staff and students. At the same time, Microsoft has announced it will release an update later this month that will be increasing the number of simultaneous video streams in Teams from four to nine. Our goal is to provide additional face-to-face opportunities for students and increase the number of concurrent video streams that can be seen by our teachers and students while doing everything possible to ensure safety. We monitor this daily and will continue to update you.

Please continue to watch closely for correspondences from your child's individual school(s) as much information will continue to be shared in the next few weeks.

I wish all of you and your family good health.

Sincerely,

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