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Dear School Families,

Nervous- I think that one word sums up our feelings at this moment in history. There is nervous-happy about our return after five long months, nervous-excited about the possibilities of a new school year, nervous-anxious about new classrooms and teachers, nervous-scared about keeping healthy...and just plain nervous. We are all probably on some point of this spectrum each day. Sometimes- all of them daily!

Honestly, it is the nervous-excited aspect that propels us all forward as we plan, revise, revise again- and again, in our moves towards the 2020-2021 school year. This year has reinforced a lesson I learned many years ago when someone gave me an office sign that read "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

Enclosed is our plan for our September 1st starting date, modified from all previous years, yet optimistically bringing the SPXS community back under one roof. There are changes and adjustments for all, but each of us accommodating to these shifts helps with our overarching goal, returning our students to an onsite educational experience. Please read this plan carefully. I will announce a ZOOM session for parents next week regarding September plans. It would be very helpful if people emailed questions or concerns to me so they can be addressed. My usual New Parent Meeting will not be held, but any new parents with questions, please contact the school, and join in the ZOOM meeting.

We welcome Ms. Erin Harmon, our new Middle School Science teacher. Erin comes to us with a background in Catholic education, and we are very fortunate she has joined our staff! Young World is assisting us with the Music position this year, and I continue in the search for a Spanish teacher. Enclosed is the staff list, and as always, class assignments will be announced shortly before the start of school.

I applaud the incredible efforts of parents these past few months, as you have navigated work and school from home, and quite successfully! You are congratulated for your efforts and successes, and I cannot wait until we are one community at SPXS again.

God bless each of you and see you soon!

Anne Dailey, Principal