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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that the summer break treated you well. As we begin a new school year unlike any other, I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out and update you on our school's plan for addressing the mental health needs and emotional well being of your child.

Earlier this summer, we notified you of a link that is on the homepage of our school website (www.crestmem.edu). This directed you to a needs assessment. The goal of this assessment was for us to understand how many students were feeling anxious as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and whether or not they may need additional emotional support to help them through the school reopening process. One way we can support your child is through providing them access to one of our school mental health professionals. Those professionals are Mrs. Allison Crowther, school social worker, Dr. Terrence Tracey, school psychologist, and myself as the school counselor.

The school social worker and school psychologist play an important role as mental health professionals within the school building. Based on responses to the needs assessment, we anticipate a greater need for mental health support this year. As part of our reopening plan, we have concluded that we will need the assistance of these vital mental health professionals in addition to the school counselor. This greater access will ensure that your child's needs are more easily met.

In order for your child to have access to these members of our school community, your permission is required. On the blue student emergency information form that is attached to this letter, you will find a question that states: The school social worker/school psychologist may/may not meet with students on an as needed basis. This permission will enable your child to have better access to help should they ever need it. Be sure to return the blue student emergency information form to your homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me at (609) 522-1522 x1180 should you have any questions. Thank you, and welcome back!

Sincerely,

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