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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Summit Academy Students:

As you already know Summit Academy along with every public and private school across the Commonwealth closed at the Governor's order due to COVID-19 back in mid March, 2020. It is with great hope that Summit Academy is now able to open its doors to welcome back your students, again at the Governor and Commissioner's say so with improvement in the infection rates of the virus.

Based on the Feasibility Study we did earlier this summer, Summit Academy has decided to offer a "Hyflex" hybrid model of instruction to its students. This model is used in classrooms all across the country and is comprised of students working in the building in their regular classrooms with some of their peers working remotely online from home. This gives parents the ability to decide which model of instruction meets the needs of their students and their families.

Summit Academy purchased new technology to support this effort, and will be ensuring that students have the needed Chromebooks or Laptops to access the new technology. All students will need a Chromebook or Laptop. The benefit of this new model will be that all students will be able to go to the Remote Learning Model (outlined in the Reopening Plan) if there is an uptake in infection rates of the virus, or other emergency. Also, when a student is absent, they will be able to access their classroom online in the remote environment.

We are excited about this new learning model! Students who are online will be receiving Remote Learning Plans as they did last Spring. Related Services will continue online and in person. We are so glad you and your students are joining us on this new adventure!

Sincerely,

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