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Dear BHASED Staff and Families,

We know this year has been unlike any other, with families juggling many complex decisions through uncertain times. We recognize and appreciate your family's flexibility and resilience during this time.

BHASED has made the difficult decision to take an adaptive pause and transition to **remote learning** for **ALL** students in the Center and Phoenix programs due to staffing issues related to COVID-19. Staff are required to follow all IDPH guidelines which require extended absences for individuals who present with any COVID-19 symptom(s) or who are identified as close contacts to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. These exclusions combined with the current county positive COVID-19 cases have created the need to pause in-person learning for the Center and Phoenix programs.

There will be no school on Monday, November 16th to allow teachers and staff time to prepare for this change. Remote learning and instruction will begin Tuesday, November 17th and will be in place until Monday, December 7th.

We know that for many of you, this pause of in-person instruction will be disappointing, and we understand. We have seen the joy of students and educators reuniting in person. However, at this time we must focus on the safety of our students and staff. We'll take all necessary steps to ensure teachers can teach dynamically and effectively while remote and we will be here to support your student during this transition. We are committed to academic excellence for your child—no matter where they are learning.

During this pause to in-person learning, we will be focusing on the following three key areas for our students, families, and staff:

1. **Health and Safety:** Breakfast and lunches will be available for pick-up on Monday, November 16 and Monday, November 30 at the Center and/or Phoenix from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Families will be provided breakfast and lunch for five (5) days for their student.
2. **Continuity of Learning:** Our dedicated staff will continue to provide online curriculum, resources, and activities daily for our students.
3. **Communication:** We will be using our website, social media, robocalls, and text messaging to keep everyone informed as new information is available.

With this adaptive pause, the intent is to return back to the previous hybrid learning model as soon as possible. Our plan is to return the Center and Phoenix programs back to the hybrid model on Monday, December 7th.

Please help us get our students back into classrooms by following the 3 W's: wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear your mask.

Thank you for your understanding and please be safe!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christan Schrader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christan Schrader,
BHASED Director