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Dear Parent or Guardian:

You are invited to participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences to be held on:

Friday, October 16th

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 19th

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Conferences are an important part of communication between the home and school. This year, the need for communication between home and school is perhaps more important than ever. To this end, we are developing a format for Parent Teacher Conferences that maintains the typical timeframe of parent/guardian – teacher meetings. We do not want to lose PTC time. To ensure meetings run smoothly, we are developing a formal structure for what the meetings will look like in terms of the information teachers will offer and the time parents/guardians will have for questions. The meetings will be conducted over Zoom.

By developing a set PTC meeting format and structure, we are trying to ensure that the meeting times are used efficiently and effectively. When PTC meetings are conducted in person – during a “regular school year” - we run into problems with the meeting schedule getting “off track”. We will not be able to have meetings run “over time” during virtual conferences; the current state of affairs does not need to be made more complicated. Accordingly, I would ask parents/guardians to reach out to teachers to discuss concerns prior to Parent Teacher Conferences so the meetings can be focused and productive.

REGISTRATION

Parent Teacher Conferences this fall – and the Zoom meetings in which the PTC meetings will take place - will again be scheduled using PowerPTC. You can access the site through your PowerSchool Parent Account.

Registration will begin on **Wednesday, September 30th at 9:00 a.m. and continues through Tuesday, October 13th at 5:00PM.** *Because of the number of parents registering for appointments, we suggest that you schedule your appointments early.*

Registration can take place on your home computer, at work, or at the Skokie Public Library. A Conference Help Line (**847-568-7503**) will be available to answer your questions from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on week days during the registration period.

PLEASE NOTE

Encore, PE, Teen Health, and AIM Teachers:

Art, Drama, Family Consumer Science, Gateway to Technology, General Music, Instrumental Music, Physical Education, and Teen Health teachers will be available during conferences via zoom.

Please refer to the enclosed information which has all of the important instructions for scheduling your appointments. We also recommend that families with more than one student **schedule early** to avoid lengthy gaps in your schedule. Print out your schedule after you have registered and bring it with you to conferences.

We look forward to having a very productive Fall PTC event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Hanson", followed by a horizontal line.

Principal