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Dear General Brown Community,

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as the General Brown Central School District was forced to transition to remote-only instruction today. We are scheduled to reopen for in-person instruction on Monday, October 25, 2021. We have been monitoring our anticipated staff absences across the district daily, and when the final absence was reported that we simply could not cover, we made the decision to announce our transition to remote-only last evening in an attempt to allow time for families to make childcare arrangements. Unfortunately, I must reiterate again, the reality is that you should be prepared for such transitions, just as you would prepare for unanticipated snow days. We will try to give as much advanced notice as possible, but that may be mornings before the bus runs are scheduled to start.

We are facing difficulty filling substitute teacher, aides, and bus driver positions when our regularly scheduled staff must take time-off. As you know, we have many unfilled bus driver positions, and we have been recruiting since summer. The labor shortage is real, and we are facing the challenges associated with it. We are doing everything in our power to keep school open, including condensing bus routes and asking teachers to cover additional classes beyond their own teaching responsibilities. Please know that we are committed to providing teaching and learning opportunities that are engaging and meaningful to your children.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or principal with any specific challenges your child may be facing. In addition, please feel free to complete an Urgent Needs Form under Quick Links on the district website should you need any assistance from the school to make these transition days easier for your child. Please consider serving as a substitute, or encourage others to apply for any open positions. They are listed on the district website. As always, feel free to call (315) 779-2311 or email bcase@gblions.org with any questions or concerns. Finally, thank you for your willingness to collaborate with us to support your child. We are so excited to be open (most days) for in-person instruction. It's enjoyable to hear the hustle and bustle in the hallways and classrooms!

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Case
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