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A new school year

Grades Classrooms

Teachers Lessons

Challenges

Altered schedules

Textbooks sealed and shunned

Classrooms depersonalized

Insidious threats

From unseen aerosols

Unsocial atmosphere

Untraced contacts

Atypical behavior

Waves, not hugs

Voices commanding

“Keep Six Feet Apart”

Unnatural Separation

Clear viscous gel

For sanitizing

Protecting

Insulating

Assuring

An ominous environment

Pandemic Paranoia

And

Proximity

School and society

Based in reality

Intense toil

Risks outweigh rewards

Social Distancing

No longer The practice

A young boy

And a young maiden

Must be mandated

 To maintain

During middle school High school

Dances Proms

Study sessions Dates

Distancing now including

Classroom seating

 Hallway travels

Greetings

 Inquiry

Casual chatter

 Heightened emotions

Attempted outreach

 Disjointed Engagement

 Dispirited outlook

Human touch Removed

High fives Shunned

Fist bumps Prohibited

Hugs On high alert

Robotic students

 Masked

Gloved

 Shielded

 Separated

Shunned

Lockers Off limits

Sealed tightly

 With firmness

and precision

Hallways transformed

 To highways

Divided

 Controlled

 Unidirectional

Lessons

 Hybrid

Virtual

 Internet Intervention

 Zoom

 Meet

 Google

 Chat Box

Electronic education

 Technological diversification

Classes condensed

 Constrained

 Compartmentalized

Separation

 Space Imposition

Sirens in homes

 Alluring distractions

 Minecraft

 Fortnite

 Pokemon

 Roblox

 Instagram

 Snapchat

WhatsApp

Tik Tok Tik Tok

Go Guardian

Register Monitor

Trace Track

Learners challenged

Procedures transformed

Redefined

Repurposed

Relied upon

Focus

Brevity

Clarity

Videos

Instructional

Investigational

Inspirational

Legislated Separation

Devastation

Emotional Incarceration

Uncharacteristic Avoidance

Simplicity

Now complexity

Breathing regulations

Stress intensification

Unsolved enigmas

Daily challenges

To SEL

PBL

Group activity

After-school clubs

New lesson designs

Activities Postponements

Cancellations Expectations

Of persistence

Of continuance

Procedures to adapt

To follow

To obey

Challenges to overcome

Frustration to mount

Scapegoats to seek

Searches conducted

For targets

Frustration

Ventilation

Heroes reimagined

From typical categories

Essential service

In classrooms

Teachers Aides

Custodians Administration

In districts

In homes And communities

Bus Drivers Students

Parents/Guardians

Methodical inversion

Of Disney Maslow

And more

Consequences

Constantly dire
Hope
Losing luster
Nature separated
From nurture
Uncommonality
Unfamiliarity
Compromise
Concession
Social Convulsion
Classrooms reflecting community
Lessons losing touch
With humanity
Society shunning
Sensitivity
Pandemic Paranoia
And
Proximity
School mirroring society
A transformation
Based
In reality