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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