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Dear Bexley residents,

Thank you for your letter of today, which so carefully and thoughtfully articulates your desires for your housing situation next term and beyond. We are truly delighted to see administration, staff, Bexley residents, and housemasters and residents of other dormitories working so cooperatively to find a solution to this challenge.

For many of the issues or concerns you raise, we either already have a solution in place or have a specific plan to address your request in a manner that is consistent with your desires. There are one or two issues on which we are aggressively working, but for which we do not yet have enough information to be able to formulate options. We would like to ask that you wait until Monday, at which time we believe we should be able to respond to your concerns with more details.

We would, with your permission, also like to post your letter as well as our responses (both this one and subsequent ones) publicly so that the community can see our process, and so you can point your parents and families to these exchanges to keep them informed.

While there is never a good time for a disruption, this particular period of the term is especially hard. We therefore deeply appreciate your understanding that we had to act as soon as we understood the challenge in the building, and that we have tried to keep you informed throughout these discussions. This spirit of cooperation will help the entire community work towards a good solution.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Eric Grimson  
Chancellor  
Bernard Gordon Professor of Medical Engineering

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Dean for Student Life