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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are in an unprecedented situation with the extended closing of school during the COVID-19 crisis. Our faculty and staff are fully committed to continuing the educational process for all students during this closure. On Monday, students left school with a variety of resources and activities to ease this transition. Moving forward, additional communication, learning activities, and feedback will be necessary to sustain student learning. Along with this letter, we have sent you a brief electronic survey to help us better facilitate this process. Please complete this survey by Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Once we tabulate the survey results, we will share this information with teachers so they can begin to interact on a more consistent basis starting next week. Even if you and/or your student(s) have provided this information already, it would be appreciated if you could do so again so we have all information in one location. You can also access this survey through the Announcements section of the District homepage.

Students will have access to their teachers on a daily basis and teachers will also be able to communicate directly with you and/or your child. Depending on the teacher and student, this may take the form of real-time communication (phone or electronic), email, regular mail, and/or hard copies delivered to bus stops. Examples of interactions may include videos for instruction, posted or delivered assignments and resources, and regular feedback to students. Any paper copies or materials delivered to the home will not be returned to school at this time, and teachers will work with students as to how feedback will be provided on these items. You and/or your child(ren) may have questions regarding daily work expectations and time commitments. Establishing a regular and consistent daily schedule for learning at home will be beneficial for students. Teachers will be asked to share rough estimates of completion times for activities. Classroom teachers in Grades PK-4 will be asked to share a sample daily schedule; students in grades 5-12 should use specific times to work on each subject, then move on to something else. All students should take advantage of breaks rather than trying to accomplish work in one long period of time.

We anticipate this will continue to be a fluid situation. While we gain more experience as the days pass by, things may be tweaked to provide the best educational opportunities for students. If difficulties accessing school work or resources arise, please contact teachers directly. Email is the best method; however, if it is easier for parents and students to call, we have enabled the capability for voicemails for teachers to be sent directly to their emails. These calls can be placed to both schools' main offices or the counseling office in the Junior Senior High School. Calls will be forwarded directly to voicemail and can be placed at any time of the day. Messages left after hours will be forwarded to the teachers' voicemails on the next business day. Main offices are currently open for phone calls from 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Friday.

Links dedicated to COVID-19 will be placed on both schools' homepages and will serve as a central resource for letters, information, instructional materials, etc... Please let us know if you have difficulty accessing this site. These links will be active by the end of this week.

We recognize that this time is very stressful for everyone as we manage an unparalleled situation. We will continue to do our best to support you in any way we can. Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

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