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Good Afternoon:

It goes without saying that the last 48 hours have presented significant challenges for our school community. I am deeply appreciative of the understanding and support of our parents and families as we work through a plan to move forward. Additionally, I want to commend the work of our dedicated teachers and staff who are creating some phenomenal learning activities for our students as our district is closed. I would like to provide you with an update related to the actions that the district is taking to ensure continuity of education for our students.

- For our students in grades kindergarten through grade 2, our teachers will email the parents and guardians for each day of online learning. These emails will contain activities for literacy and math. Please do not feel that you need to print these activities. We are also asking for students to read for at least 15 minutes every night.
- For our students in grades 3-12, teachers will be utilizing Google Classroom to deliver learning opportunities for each day of online learning. These activities will focus on essential learning standards.
- All teachers in grades 3-12 will be using Google Classroom to facilitate an office hour for each day of online learning. This time will be posted on Google Classroom. Although the teacher will be available during the school day, the purpose of the office hour is to provide a specific time for a teacher to answer questions from students and to provide additional support for students. Intervention Specialists will also facilitate a daily office hour for each day of online support for the students on their caseload.
- We will not be using these activities for grades. Rather, these activities are meant to provide remediation, enrichment and a continuation of the essential standards.

Please note that the amount of time it takes students to complete the activities will differ by grade level. For example, our 12th grade students will be spending more time than kindergarten students on the activities. Also, as always, our teachers will be checking their email frequently to respond to questions from students outside of the office hour.

Our district has decided to do all we can to provide learning opportunities now for our students. There is no plan to extend the school year in order to make up these days. Given the ever changing times, I certainly appreciate your continued flexibility as we move forward.

Sincerely,
Michael Mayel