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Dear Families,

At this time we realize you have been thrust into crisis schooling your child(ren) due to the COVID-19 shut downs. While we realize that you have not chosen to homeschool and may not have been prepared for this crisis. However, we are here to support your families as best as possible through a remote learning model.

The School of Excellence has put the following support model in place:

- Teachers will be sending out e-learning programs, login information, directions, and suggested daily activities for the week via email or ClassDojo.
- Teacher and Therapists Office hours will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am to 11:00am for parents/guardians to drop in for questions regarding academics, behaviors, etc.
  - Zoom invites will be sent via Clasdojo
  - Teachers, Therapists, and Service Providers will also be checking in with the families throughout the week via email, phone, & Dojo.
  - Parents are welcome to email or dojo the staff at any time.
- Individual student support will be supplied by the teacher and/or paraprofessional 2x per week implementing an individual activity or interaction via zoom (however, families will be contacted daily)
  - Teachers will work with families to determine the best times to hold Zoom meetings during school hours
  - These interactions may include reading a book, doing Go Noodle Mindfulness, practicing math, doing flashcards, assignment checking-ins, various interactive Zoom white board activities, puzzles, videos, conversations, PowerPoints, etc.
    - Supporting a specific question that a parent has.
- Some high school students may be starting their ACT WorkKeys Comprehensive for graduation requirements on Edmentum
- Therapists will be holding weekly Teletherapy sessions.
  - Prior to starting the session they will need verification of who is present for the session.

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- Again, if parents are needing more support please reach out via dojo, phone, or email to our staff.
- Occupational & Speech Therapists will be contacting students with IEP services weekly.
- CoLa student programming will look different as we are preparing and ordering materials to be sent home. We will share the further guidance directly with these families.
- We have developed a schedule for a member of our team to be able to do a check-in with your student and/or the guardian daily. This will allow for us to visit with our students, answer questions, hopefully give you a small break, and support you in this time of need.
- Staff may be calling from a blocked number or a Google Voice number. If it is a Google Voice number that number can be called back, we do ask that contact hours remain between 8am-4pm Mon. – Fri.
- Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Boyce will both be supplying a Google Voice number that can be called for family emergencies that are beyond school hours. We will share this in a separate Dojo posting.

We are a team and are here to support you. Please remember these key points:

- Work - break model: Example: allow for 5 minutes of work and a 3 minute break.
- Pick your battle- Know when a break is needed for student and parent.
- Don't create busy work
- When you're done, you're done!
- Do some fun things!

**Give yourself grace! You got this!! We believe in you!!!**

This remote learning model will officially start Monday, April 6, 2020. However, after our School of Excellence meetings that took place today, we can tell you that our staff were ready to see their kids again! So, they may start reaching out to families sooner! We miss you, are here for you now and will be here for you when this is over!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Flores

Mrs. Boyce

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