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Good afternoon,

The safety and well-being of students and families has been and will continue to be our top priority as an educational community. The District also recognizes its obligation to engage students in meaningful and productive learning opportunities through an appropriately structured Remote Learning Plan.

Nothing can replace the in-person schooling experience and remote learning should not replicate the traditional school day. Remote learning is not synonymous with online learning and can take place in a multitude of ways, including by helping students engage with resources in their everyday lives and in the natural world around them. Remote learning also provides unique opportunities to further engage students in the arts or interdisciplinary work. Finally, we are conscious of the effects of increased screen time and will be seeking to put forth a plan that balances remote learning through technology and remote learning that happens offline to support students' curiosity and understanding.

We are working hard to support students and families during these difficult times and will take the time necessary to develop a plan to fit the unique contexts, capacities and needs of our students and staff. Look forward to receiving more information about this plan in the days ahead.

Please continue to keep you and your families safe as we continue to navigate this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

Sandra Rehler
Interim Superintendent of Schools