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Dear Elementary School Families,

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and support as we wade through these uncharted waters. We hope your families are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

Please know that initially, we prepared for 2 weeks of home instruction which involved lots of review, reinforcement, application, and some new learning. Out of an abundance of caution, we want to prepare for the possibility of the closure lasting beyond March 27th, 2020. As this situation evolves, we need to adjust Distance Learning to have more face time with teachers with real-time teaching of new learning as well as assessments and feedback. In order for us to prepare for this new phase, we will need to provide time for our teachers to plan accordingly.

On Monday March 23, 2020 the elementary virtual school day would be modified to enable teachers' professional development time to further prepare for the possible continuation of online school. Teachers would be available for student questions and interaction from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and will use their afternoon hours for professional development and planning.

Beginning Friday, March 27, 2020 and continuing through our period of virtual learning, instruction and teacher contact on Fridays would be from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Friday afternoons would be utilized to plan and prepare for future lessons with the support of our district coaches and building principals. Elementary teachers would be preparing for more face time with students as well as more real-time teaching in the upcoming weeks.

We have been monitoring the parent feedback and are working on addressing your concerns with regard to pace, support, and time. Please continue to reach out to the Elementary Principals or your classroom teacher with questions or concerns.

Best,
The Elementary Administrative Team