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## Academy Parents and Students,

I know, I know, I get it! With so much going on in the world today why are these people adding more by trying to make these kids learn through this time? But not only that, why are they pushing for parents who may already be loaded down to make sure kids are logging in and learning? Well the answer could be complex or it could be simply that their lives depend on it and therefore their lives depend on US! I wish things were easier during this time, I wish the dynamics of the situation were more favorable but the truth is they are not. We are sitting in unchartered waters and we either figure out where we are and get moving, or wait around undoubtedly adding severe delays in learning.

Beginning this week, all students have transitioned to Google Classroom. All students will be utilizing ZOOM calls to have a real-time face-to-face interaction with not only their teacher but their classmates as well. A schedule for these video calls can be found on our Facebook page, our website, and enclosed with this letter. Teachers should have reached out by now via a communication tool such as Class Dojo, ClassTag, Remind, text message, or phone call to let you know about class codes to log in to Google Classroom and a link to join ZOOM. We are looking forward to continue offering learning via these digital platforms. Teachers may utilize other platforms as they move through this time but have no fear there will be much support to guide students.

Food distribution will continue throughout this time. It will take place each Monday. You can find the locations and times on our Facebook page or our school website. A huge thanks to our food service and transportation programs for all of their hard work during this time.

The academy is willing to do all it can to help those in need. We have been here through previous crises offering workshops, aid, and other necessities. We will always be here to help by connecting you with resources to make this time less difficult. To all of you who have jobs that are essential and requires you to continue working, the academy thanks you for all you do. To those in the healthcare fields, our hearts are with you each day as you put yourself in harms way for the sake of saving the lives of others. You all are true heroes!

If you have not done so you can re-enroll or enroll a new student by visiting the links on our website. If you have any questions about any of the information above, please contact the academy office at (810) 787-3330. Our abbreviated office hours are Monday through Wednesday 9am to 1pm.

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