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Dear Brentwood Community,

As we approach the end of January and the end of the second quarter for secondary students, I wanted to reaffirm to the Brentwood Community our commitment to ensuring both hybrid and remote students grow academically and have a successful, albeit unique, school year. We ask that students and parents remain committed to that same goal and together we can move each child forward.

At this point we have distributed over 12,000 laptops and we will continue to send laptops to the schools until each student receives a device. They are expensive to purchase, maintain and insure but their worth is immeasurable especially while we are teaching and learning synchronously. The laptops will be an essential component of education, even as we move past the effects of the virus.

We continue to carefully monitor those who have contracted the virus and quarantine students and staff members who have come in contact with positive cases. At this point we are effectively managing, the impact of quarantined and isolated students and staff in our school buildings. Every school has at least a few students quarantined as well as a few staff members. Students should be signing into school every day while they are quarantined, and I am grateful to the teachers, administrators and staff members who continue to work while being quarantined. If you have the virus and are isolated, please focus on getting healthy and taking care of yourself and don't return to work or school until you feel completely healed.

We are encouraged that many people are getting vaccinated and we look forward to the day when the spread of the virus is negligible but until then we must not let our guard down. Please continue to wear masks, maintain social distance, keep a window slightly open and the door ajar and stay home if you do not feel well.

Stay safe and be well.

Richard Loeschner Superintendent of Schools