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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During this time of social distancing that has necessitated remote and hybrid learning options we want to ensure that all our students have access to high-quality curriculum and instruction. In addition, we want to ensure that actions by students, parents, and teachers adhere to the highest standards established in our District Code of Conduct when learning in a remote environment. Please take a moment to review the expectations below and talk with your child about the importance of focusing on their education at this time.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to conduct themselves at all times as if they were physically at school. In order to be successful in class each day students should do the following:

- Show up to class dressed appropriately and ready for learning.
- Put away all other electronic devices that are not used for learning such as video game consoles.
- Type their first and last name in the virtual class in order for attendance to be taken.
- Enter the online learning session with microphones on mute.
- Unless otherwise instructed by their teacher, students should keep their video features on.
- Students should only engage in chat as directed by the teacher. Students should not start private chats during class time.

Parent/Guardian Expectations

The importance of parents behaving as model spectators cannot be overstated. Parents/guardians must remember that online learning is for students. Parents are not expected to take over the role of their children's teachers. Unless a younger elementary student needs technical assistance, parents/guardians should not interrupt learning. Instead, parents should provide support and encouragement, while expecting their child to also do their part. If a parent/guardian has a question for their child's teacher, an email or message via Parent Square should be sent after the online learning session. The teacher will respond to the parent/guardian during school hours. Additionally, parents/guardians are expected to refrain from the following:

- Taking photos or screenshots of a videoconference session or remote learning/hybrid class.
- Sharing, post or distribute in any way, any portion of a remote learning/hybrid class.
- Interrupting a remote learning/hybrid class to ask questions or make comments.

The Home/School Partnership

Our teachers and other school personnel are here to serve as a resource to your child. They understand that many students may find the shift to virtual learning to be difficult, so they are working hard to provide support.

Above all else, the success of all students is an educational endeavor. Students learn lessons from teachers that serve them for their entire lives. The teacher sets the tone and the teacher's behavior serves as a model for students. Teachers are expected to reflect a positive attitude in all their

approaches and interactions with students. They are expected to create a risk-free environment where children are not afraid to participate and ask questions. If you have any concerns or questions about how your child is doing in school, please reach out to your child's teacher or counselor for information.

This is a unique and usual learning experience for both students and staff. Let's celebrate our children's efforts while acknowledging the challenges that distance learning presents. Together we will get through this stronger than ever. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Loeschner
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