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Dear Beacon Families:

I want to provide an update on Distance Learning and I want to start by listing four words that will help guide us as we more fully enter our plan. We ask for **compassion** and **understanding** of all stakeholders in this difficult time and we ask the same from you. We will also do everything we can to **support** and **encourage** our stakeholders as we enter this new learning environment, and we ask the same from you.

**We got this!**

We want to start by acknowledging that our Distance Learning plan is not intended to replicate the magic that takes place in our actual classroom interactions between teachers and students. However, with the technology tools we have as a district, we will do our best to advance student learning with full awareness of the limitations and challenges before us.

This plan is subject to change as we learn more about distance learning as a district and as we receive guidance from the New York State Department of Education. The plan will be reviewed again in two weeks (April 15) to incorporate guidance from the state and our own experiences.

**The plan will have a few features:**

- **Learning activities/lessons/assignments provided daily**
- **Office hours for all of our teachers to engage with our students through email, google hangout, or chat.**

**You will receive information from your principal and/or child's teacher on Tuesday, March 31 for the Distance Learning launch on April 1.**

**Suggested Schedule Elementary**

(A combination of Reading, Writing, Math, Soc. Studies/Science, PE/Music/Art)

- Gr. Prek, K-1 60-75 minutes (roughly 15 min each content area)
- Gr. 2-3 75-100 min (roughly 20 min each content area)
- Gr. 3-5 100-120 min (roughly 25 min each content area)

Since our elementary teachers teach all subjects, we want them to have flexibility with what they teach and with how they schedule office hours with their students.

**Middle and High School Schedule 120-150 Minutes**

Classes will be taught every other day along with scheduled office hours. The "schedules" will be shared with families on March 31st by the school principal.

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If you need something or have a question, please contact your school principal via email.

We will develop an FAQs on Distance Learning later this week that will hopefully answer some more of your questions.

Take care and hang in there!

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl

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