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Dear Viking Families,

It is Monday, April 6, and we have been out of school for over three weeks. As you know, school (inside a school building) has been cancelled for the remainder of the year. This is extremely disappointing to us as educators and must be very challenging for you as well.

The shift in our routines and delivery were met with a swift and heartfelt response by our teachers. As always, they have put your children first. This week we were scheduled to be on a break. The Coronavirus has certainly put a hold on any plans we had during this time. Please know that we will be taking an "academic" break this week. We have encouraged our staff to regroup and begin to organize for the rest of the school year during this time.

You will not receive much school work this week, however, our teachers have committed to maintain the established connection with their classes. During this time, our staff is putting together a plan to provide instruction for your children. Our intent is that this is manageable and predictable for everyone involved and can be done by students at different times throughout the day. It is our hope that students find this work engaging and understand their role is to keep growing and improving. It is not our goal to overwhelm you or your child.

We care about the social and emotional well-being of your children. Our staff is here to connect with your children and to encourage them throughout the day. If you or your child need a little pep talk or time to connect please let one of us know and we will reach out.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything. I can be reached at jerrymcdowell@whitehallschools.net or at 231.893.1001.

Thanks,

Jerry