Dear parents and students,

I would like to send out a message to keep all of you informed of the constantly evolving changes in education, and how we will do our very best to make sure every family is getting what they need to continue learning virtually. Please know this will be a learning opportunity for everyone and our biggest goal is to try our best to keep stress levels and anxiety as low as we can. As we prepare for next week’s learning opportunities for families, we want you to be aware of the following:

- We have hotspots coming for families that are without internet service.
- We will do our best to make sure every family has a device for 50% of students in the household so sharing is a must.
- We are continually working to identify families that are in need of devices. Please complete this survey if you haven’t done so, https://bit.ly/2xZ1Ls9 This will allow us to identify families still in need.
- Brad Tucker will be continually posting troubleshooting steps to help families with technical difficulties

There will be many more questions to answer, and more and more things are changing, even as I type this letter. But please know that we want students to continue to learn without adding to the stress if possible. The learning classes we are developing will not follow a particular time schedule, but will be able to be completed anytime during the day, whenever access to a computer is possible within your family schedule.

We are looking at learning goals that require access to a computer of approximately 1 hour a day for our younger elementary age students, 2 hours for our grades 4-8, and 3 hours for our high school students to complete at home learning classes. Middle school and high school students may need some additional time to complete coursework, but much of that work could be completed off-line. Practice and enrichment activities can blend into your children’s day if and when time allows.

Much more information will be coming, but I wanted to share that it is a stressful time for everyone, especially our hard-working men and women in healthcare whose tireless efforts are so appreciated.

Please remember I can be reached anytime and we are all in this together.

Thanks everyone, and stay safe.

Josh Tarrell