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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Today kicks off our remote learning plan at S-RC and you should hear from your teachers through e-mail, Canvas, Google Classroom, or Remind with instructions for the next week. Each teacher was asked to develop a short lesson this first time to be sure everyone is comfortable and understands how the remote learning plan will work. Students in Grades 6-12 will have all of their curriculum delivered through Canvas, Grades 3 to 5 will have it in Google Classroom, and in Grades PK-2 the teachers are using a combination of zoom and e-mail due to the need to have parental support in the learning process. Do not hesitate to contact a child's teacher with any questions. Each teacher will notify the students of their virtual office hours that they will be on Zoom for live feedback and assistance. All teachers, whether working from home or school, are accessible through other communication from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. We understand this medium and process is new and teachers have been asked to ease into a work load for students, with an expectation of 2 to 2 ½ hours of school work per day.

The building will remain closed through April 30th with a decision being made on April 16th for the remainder of the school year. This date is important because it will also be the day a decision is made about Graduation. At this time the Board would like to keep May 9th as Graduation and only postpone or develop an alternate ceremony if we are absolutely forced to on April 16th. The decision was also made to cancel all school activities in April, this includes Prom. Taking the letter from the Commissioner of Education into consideration and the challenges associated with rescheduling Prom before school is scheduled to be out for the year, it was determined that the school will be unable to host the event this year. Mr. Kay is willing to work with outside organizations who might be interested in sponsoring this event outside of the school year. The Activities Banquet scheduled for May 5th is also cancelled due to the uncertainty of our return date. All of the certificates, medals, letters, and commemorative program will be done and given to students near the end of May. We will put out the information that would have been shared that evening through our information system so the public can be as proud of our students as we are.

I know this creates a lot of questions, trust me, we have them as well. Dealing with the unknown is difficult and taking a wait and see approach in some circumstances does not work for securing the necessary resources for our events. It is heart breaking to have these discussions daily, problem solve, only to be left with the last choice we want to make. I am hosting a virtual Town Hall meeting on Zoom, Wednesday April 1st starting at 6:00pm. This is to give an update to everyone on what is going on, our future plans, and field questions from our stakeholders.

Chip Kay, Superintendent