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Technology/Internet Letter

Dear Glendive Parents and Students,

With the move to Online Learning, we understand the dynamics of everything has changed in your household. GPS has been working nonstop to try and find solutions to help our families in multiple different areas. One of the major concerns we have been trying to figure out is getting all students to be able to connect with their online platforms. This involves making sure everyone has some sort of device and internet connection. Here is a link to a document that we sent out last week about [Internet Options](#).

We have been talking to students and staff that have been concerned about their internet bill going up because they have metered internet. We have been working on this as a district for the past 4 weeks. If you have metered internet, we highly encourage you to call your internet provider to ask if there is anything they can do to help you during this time.

Last week, Mr. Schreibeis talked to the Mid-Rivers CEO about this issue. He told Mr. Schreibeis that he understood that this is a tough time for everyone during this COVID-19 pandemic. He encouraged him to let people know they will work with anyone that calls regarding their individual circumstances. They want to help and would love to have those conversations. They are also closely monitoring data usage trends, and he assured Mr. Schreibeis that educational applications are still not using a lot of data. However, online gaming and streaming video can cause big increases, and you can call Mid-Rivers for help monitoring and limiting that usage or find help with that online at <https://www.midrivers.com/manage-your-data.html>. If someone doesn't have internet, they can call them to get two months free. Here is the [flyer](#) that we put out a couple of weeks ago.

In short, we will continue to work to help families out in their individual circumstances. If you have MidRivers and are having issues with your bill, please contact them. They said they are more than willing to work with you. If you have another provider, please contact them to see if they will do anything to help you. We hope this helps. If you run into any issues after talking to your provider, or do not have internet, please contact us and we will be more than willing to help out in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

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