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MVJH Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and making the best out of a very challenging and sad situation. As I've stated before, our country is charting new waters with the outbreak and spread of **Covid-19**, which has challenged teachers to adapt and develop new ways to educate our young people.

As many of you know, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has entrusted our school districts to come up with a '**Continuous Learning Plan**' that will continue to keep our youth learning and moving forward rather than falling behind (located on district website). I have talked to school leaders from other districts across Kansas, as well as researching what schools throughout our nation are doing to handle this 'learning plan'. While there is no one single "right" plan, the two things they all have in common is: 1) they put the overall welfare of the child first and 2) they try not to stress out the student and their families by overwhelming them with tons of "busy" work (unless it is used to reinforce previous units or lessons). **However, we expect our students to participate to the maximum they can!!!**

While approximately 75% of our junior high students are doing a remarkable job, we notice that almost 25% are doing very little to stay caught up in their classes. We know that early on we had students that did not have internet access but I believe we were able to correct that within the first couple of weeks. A major concern that we have is that some of our students have stated that they are perfectly satisfied with the grade they had prior to the cancelation of school.

So, I want to reach out to you parents to please encourage your child to not shut down and don't be satisfied. More importantly than your child's grade is how far behind will he or she be when we begin the 2020-21 school year? We still have 4 weeks left, so please check your child's participation and assignments on 'PowerSchool' so that you can push them to challenge themselves. If you are having any trouble getting on 'PowerSchool' then please email Mr. Duncan (jduncan@mv330.org) and if you have questions about any assignments, then please contact your child's teacher. Thank you for all you do and please feel free to reach out to us!

Stay Safe,

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