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EMPOWERING LEARNERS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Dear MJHS Families,

It has been more than four weeks since our buildings were filled with learning, laughter and energy from our MJHS kids. I am going to speak for all of my staff when I say we miss seeing everyone with their smiling faces when they see their friends or teachers. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to play a significant role in all of our lives and I hope the impact to you all has been minimal. While the impact of your child's education is important, please know that the safety and health of your family needs to be your priority!

We understand the emphasis on distance learning via online resources and are well aware that this is not necessarily something that everyone has access to. Teachers have created a distance learning packet for all of our students to provide a continuation of learning that will begin after April vacation. RSU 67 will hold April Vacation during the week of April 20 – 24 as it is intended. In each packet, you will find multiple pages of enrichment activities that your child can do alone or you may choose to work on the packets as a family. The packets are to sustain the learning that your child has been exposed to prior to March 13, 2020. This will be the last packet distributed and is expected to provide your child with the work needed to get them to the end of school year. In addition to doing the work in the packet, I encourage you to have your child read daily and create learning opportunities from routine home activities. This is the perfect time for you to expose your child to the simpler joys that can be found in life.

When your child returns to remote learning from April Vacation, we are requiring a once a week check in with your child's teacher. Teachers have been spending the past few weeks calling homes and sending communication through your child's school email. We also understand that connectivity may be a problem for some of you so we are offering the methods below for avenues of acceptable communication.

Beginning April 27, 2020 and ending June 9, 2020 -Your child must check in once a week by using one of the following methods:

- Attends a zoom meeting
- Participates in google classroom OR responds to emails directly and emails questions as needed
- Contacts the teacher by phone

In closing, please know that we are working on options for how we can honor our 8th graders that will be moving on to MA. Please use our teachers as resources for support with remote learning. They are eager to help in any way they can. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself personally. I am amazed at the strength of this community when faced with challenges and am thankful for each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Christopher Cowing, Principal