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Good morning everyone,

I hope this finds you and your family safe and healthy at home. This has certainly been an unexpected adjustment for all of us. I want to commend our students, parents and staff for their continued commitment to academic excellence. We know the transition to online learning has been challenging for many. Now that we are weeks into this change, we wanted to gather your honest feedback on how things are going. 709 parents/students responded to the survey. In our continued effort to be transparent, we have gathered the survey results and this is what they have revealed:

- 63.7% of respondents were satisfied or more than satisfied with our first two weeks of distance learning.
- 77.6% of respondents were spending 1-4 hours completing online coursework.
- 73.8% of respondents feel the workload given to students to be just about right.
- 94.3% of respondents feel that the communication from their teacher(s) has been at or well beyond expectation to support education.

While 3 out of 4 respondents feel the workload is appropriate, we recognize that many households are experiencing increased stress trying to balance work, family and online learning at the same time. In an effort to alleviate some of this anxiety, our administrative team has made the decision that no new instruction will be given on Fridays. Please know that teachers may still assess students on Friday, so it is critical that students still login to their online learning accounts every week day.

It is unclear how long the “Stay Home” orders will be in place. We will continue online instruction throughout our existing school calendar, unless the Governor allows us to return to school for face-to-face instruction. Please continue to login daily Monday through Friday. For planning purposes, Monday, May 25, 2020 will be observed as Memorial Day and no coursework will be assigned. The last day of classes for Kindergarten is Thursday, May 28. The last day of classes for 1st - 12th grade students is Friday, May 29.

The following information pertains to our high school juniors and seniors:

**Senior Caps and Gowns -- Monday, May 4, 2020**

If school buildings are reopened, caps and gowns will be distributed during students respective lunch periods. If school buildings remain closed, curbside cap and gown distribution will be held from 9 am - noon in front of Hugh Downs Auditorium. Please practice appropriate social distancing measures.

**Prom -- Under Discussion**

It is our hope to find a safe and responsible way to provide our juniors and seniors with a prom experience. We continue to discuss how that might look due to current social distancing requirements. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

**Graduation**

It is our sincere desire to appropriately recognize our seniors with a traditional graduation ceremony and we will do our best to achieve this. At this time, we intend to hold our Graduation Ceremony, as scheduled on May 31, 2020, should buildings be reopened by the Governor.

In the event school buildings remain closed for the remainder of the school year, we have scheduled two additional dates for graduation. Details will follow as soon as we have more clarity to the situation. For planning purposes, the additional dates are as follows:

Friday, June 19, 2020 at Shawnee High School

Friday, July 24, 2020 at Shawnee High School or Virtual Ceremony

Please know that graduation may look different than in years past depending on the orders that may be in place at the time.

What we are all doing is not easy, but it is necessary. We miss our students and we know our students miss their teachers and classmates. We look forward to everyone being together again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Kanable". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

James Kanable, Superintendent