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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the Sanford School Department K-5 Online Learning Cohort. Our school district has partnered with a fully accredited virtual curriculum provider, Edmentum’s Calvert Learning, for our grade PreK - 5 students. We are excited about the benefits this program can bring to our students and we are glad that you have chosen to take advantage of this opportunity.

You are the number one factor in your child’s educational success in K - 5 Virtual Learning. Your support is imperative for your child to thrive in virtual learning.

We have certified Sanford School teachers who will be meeting with your student twice a week to check in, to see how they are doing and to give them a chance to interact with other students in their grade. We want to make sure our remote learners still feel a connection to their peers and to the adults in their schools. The teachers will also be responsible for grading written assessments and updating attendance and grades in IC. **It is important to remember that you are your child’s direct instruction teacher during K-5 Virtual Learning.**

If you have not already heard from your child’s school, please reach out for information about picking up their school issued technology:

- CJL        324-8481
- MCS      324-7586
- Willard   324-8454

If your student receives IEP support, the Special Education department will be reaching out to schedule a meeting in the first weeks of school to review the plan.

For those who are interested, we will have food distribution available at Lafayette School starting September 14. Monday thru Friday from 11:30am - 12:00pm, students will be able to pick up lunch for that day and breakfast for the following morning.

Student photos for fully remote students will be made available. We are currently working with the district photographer on the place and time and will forward that information to you as soon as it is finalized.

We look forward to working with you and your student. Next week we will be sharing login information to get ready to begin learning on September 14th. If you have any questions about your online experience, please email: onlinelearning@sanford.org.

I encourage you to watch a sixteen minute introductory video that can be accessed through the following URL:  [https://tinyurl.com/y5fa9jxm](https://tinyurl.com/y5fa9jxm)

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