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Dear Lobo Students and Families,

I want to welcome everyone to the 2020-21 school year and wish you all the best of luck. I feel both excited and nervous as we begin the first week of online instruction. I am worried if our students will be able to login to their classes successfully on the first day? This concern and many more are going through my head as the District opens the new school year online. Unfortunately, the COVID 19 virus has created many challenges and obstacles for schools. I hope online learning is only for awhile and we will soon be back together for most of the school year.

I want to give a shout out to our technology department, office staff, teachers, and support staff that have worked hard to prepare for the first day of online school. I believe the delayed start has helped better prepare teachers and support staff for the start of the new school year. Will there be problems? Yes, I am 100% sure of that. I also believe our teachers and support staff are outstanding and will provide every student with a high-quality education using the 21<sup>st</sup> century tools designed for online learning. They are second to none!

I hope everyone can have patience and a sense of humor as we take a big, giant step forward into the world of online learning. It will take time and practice to learn how to use the new tools and programs. It is okay if it does not work perfectly at first. My commitment is to provide the on-going technology support for every student and family as we take this new journey into the world of online learning together.

Respectfully,

Jeff Gregorich