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Dear Jackson Families,

We hope that you and your family members are all safe and healthy at this very difficult time. It is our hope that you were able to experience some quality time as a family despite everything that was unfolding around us over the break.

The purpose of this email is to open communication so that you are connected to our school community and to provide you with some information.

It is important for you to be aware that our system is being activated to assist with the community response to the COVID-19 Pandemic under the direction of the Public Health Officer and the Minister of Education. **The Ministry of Education has mandated a focus on four priorities to guide the work and inform decisions through this time:**

1. **Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students and families and all employees.**
2. **Provide services to support children of essential workers.**
3. **Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.**
4. **Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.**

Currently, the ministry has suspended in-class instruction indefinitely and Jackson will not be open for students to attend. Staff will be returning to work this week to commence planning on how to best provide learning opportunities to our students. Our approach will be slow and thoughtful during this difficult time.

This week we will be contacting families and making plans for providing opportunities for learning without meeting face to face with students. As part of this preparation process, you can expect a call from your child's A-Block teacher by the middle of the week. These calls will give staff an opportunity to check in with families and students and inquire about student access to technology, which will help inform potential next steps.

The district will send out an email within the next few days outlining more of the specifics in regards to a return-to-learn plan. We anticipate that this email will answer many of the questions you may have.

We will take on the challenges and support each other through these times. We will continue to keep you updated in the days weeks ahead and we encourage you to reach out through phone or email with any questions/ concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Steven Drapala
Principal

Rhys Waters
Vice Principal