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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that you are taking care of yourself and your family. A huge thanks goes out to all our healthcare workers, law enforcement, corrections officers, and all those volunteering to help others. The pressure of this unprecedented time is weighing heavy on all of us. Many of you are still having to work and then come home and try to teach and talk about school with your children. I am sorry that we are in this spot and I hope we are back soon. We also don't want to add to your stress, but want to try to provide some form of worthwhile instruction for your children.

This is completely new for all of us, and there have been many hiccups along the way. I promise we are trying to work together to learn many new things in order to reach out and connect with your children socially, emotionally, and academically. There are going to be many roadblocks when doing these things and there is no perfect solution. We have learned many new things that will help us to move forward in the years to come.

As far as the evolving plan, here is what we have...

1. We are going to push out different forms of new learning starting April 13. It will look different for each grade level, depending on the comfort level of teachers and progression of many new skills being learned. I have been meeting with all grade levels in Google Meet and been brainstorming with all the teachers. This can't be a competition on what grade shines brightest nor can we compare grade levels. Just like all students, we all learn differently and every one of us is showing grit each day in trying to become better in everything we do to help advance learning.
2. Teachers are trying to use Google Classroom, record or go live on Google Meet, IXL Learning, Raz Kids, and some are using Facebook live. We are still creating and trying to use some form of packets that can be picked up, emailing students, making personal phone calls, and are trying to give little bits of feedback when possible through all the means I just mentioned.

**If you are feeling overwhelmed by all of this information, please check in with your child's teacher. He/she will work with you to prioritize and figure out what works best for you and your child.**

**Last Chromebook pickup is Thursday, April 9th from 2-5 P.M. Please email [wbean@letchworth.k12.ny.us](mailto:wbean@letchworth.k12.ny.us) the time you will be there. I will organize and have them ready. Pull up to the greenhouse in the Elementary Loop and someone will help you. Please stay in your car.**

3. While we work through this, we will refine and change as needed. The one thing that I want to make sure is that you and your child feel connected and that we are trying to answer all of your questions and help to meet your needs.

4. There will be times when we all need to unplug and get away from all the technology that we are utilizing. We will always try to get back to you within 1 school day, unless there are extenuating circumstances for an individual teacher or me.
5. If you have not checked out the Covid 19 tab on the website, please do so and go to Elementary Learning Plans. Packets are posted there, but there are also very helpful resource links that you can click on to further enhance learning.
6. Our Math Staff is starting a helpline. Some students have been sent a link if they normally receive extra help. If you or your child needs some help please contact [tmalloy@letchworth.k12.ny.us](mailto:tmalloy@letchworth.k12.ny.us) and she will try to set up a time to answer any questions.
7. Again, if any of this is overwhelming or doesn't work for you, we understand. This is not meant to cause more stress; it is meant to give options for continued learning. There will be no grading, yet we are hoping to give some feedback and have great discussions with our Letchworth Children. We need your help in conveying the importance to your children of trying to remain engaged in their work and trying their best.
8. Just to reinforce, we are trying and if you have any concerns or praise, please call or email me. We as an Administrative team meet daily in Google Meet to debrief and talk about the success and challenges that happen every day.

Stay Safe & Well,

Mr. Bean