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Dear Middle School Families,

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the last few weeks. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their positivity, flexibility, and resilience during these trying times.

As you know, online learning for our middle school students is in full motion. Our goal is to provide continuous opportunities and practice for students while schools are closed but also to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also needed to compassionately take into consideration the variety of difficulties that our families and employees are experiencing during this time.

Our teachers and staff have worked hard to create weekly schedules that will strike the balance of providing students with the opportunity to practice the skills they will need to be successful when returning to school with the understanding that not all students have access to the necessary support for academic success under the current circumstances. Our middle school teachers, staff, and administration are committed to a maximum of 2.5 hours of total daily instruction for our students. We hope the attached schedule will help to clarify daily learning activities and reduce stress and anxiety for our students and families.

Parents, please encourage your child/children to follow the attached schedule as often as they are able to do so. All new assignments will be posted on Google classroom. If they are unable to complete the work, please do not shut down, reach out. The teachers, staff, and administration are here to help and support you during this unprecedented time. You may reach out through email or by calling 315-287-4870.

You will be receiving further information regarding marking period grades for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 in the days to come. In closing, our main priority is the safety and health of our students, families, and staff. We are looking forward to welcoming each and everyone of you back. Until then, please take care of yourself and each other.

Please contact your teacher/s or administrator if your student needs support.

Stay Healthy!

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