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RE: Updates for Linwood Families

Dear Linwood Schools' Families:

From the entire Linwood School District Staff and the Board of Education, I thank you. Thank you for your positive support and messages throughout this very challenging time for our schools, our community, our nation, and the world. The community support of our teachers is so appreciated. As we enter into this new normal – at least our normal for now – we will continue to support the mission of our school District and maintain the educational programming for your children to the best extent possible. We care deeply for your children and our school community, and we will continue the work that is happening to support you on this journey.

Part of that journey includes the tremendous change that has occurred for each of you in your homes. It certainly is different right now, and I appreciate the challenges that WFH (Working From Home) can create. Each family has been asked to adjust quickly and to determine a routine and plan at home that not only allows for your children to receive this remote instruction, but also time for your own work and tasks to be completed. I would like to recognize everyone's efforts in this transition to remote learning and appreciate their patience and creativity. We knew when this process began in dealing with the closures that if an extension was to occur, our plans were going to evolve and shift. We knew that staff would be engaging in different options for interactions with students and challenging themselves with different platforms. We are offering options for staff for further training in some different platform options as this evolves. Please be patient as our teachers and staff introduce new techniques, attempt to use different platforms, and try some different strategies to connect with students. Mrs. Care and Dr. Luff have and will be sharing more information about any changes through each school. We all appreciate how different this has been for everyone involved.

As you have seen from our Seaview and Belhaven morning announcements, staying connected is a priority. Our teachers, support staff, and other certificated staff as well as our entire Linwood Schools Team have been focusing on what will be best for your children. Communication is vital. I can assure you that the communication of our Linwood Team and the collaboration that has been occurring are laser-focused on evolving and improving as we move forward. Please remember that any instructional videos that are shared with your children are specific to the children in those classes. We ask that you support the privacy of the children and students and not share these videos publicly. We are in this together, and we will make this work!

Please keep a few things in mind. The teachers are working during this time. Their initial assignments were designed to support learning opportunities during the start of our closure. They are planning each day for the coming weeks and staying in contact with parents. If you have questions about assignments, your child's teachers are available via email, and you can contact them directly. Our staff has and will continue to be reaching out to students and families to stay connected.

It is our goal to create an environment that supports your children's learning and offers a clear path to establish as normal of a routine for the children as we can. Be sure to reference the information that is available on our [Linwood Public Schools Website](#) that provides links to the correspondence that has been sent to families as well as [Online Resources](#) for parents.

Thanks again for everything you are doing. We are in this together, and we will Make It Work!

Sincerely-

Brian M. Pruitt
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