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Good evening ELPS families and staff,

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather today! This is a just a quick message to let you know of the district's plans moving forward per the Governor's Executive Order (EO) that was shared today.

Executive order 2020-35 suspends in-person K-12 instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. It also requires the implementation of Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan. District leaders have been exploring options and will continue our development of this plan by involving multiple stakeholders. The plan will also include time for teacher and staff training, collaboration, planning and device distribution. Per the EO, our deadline for implementing a continuous learning plan is April 28, and we will thoughtfully and intentionally develop this plan before we roll it out.

For now, the expectations for our students have not changed - optional resources are available if you choose to utilize them, and we continue to encourage our teachers, staff and administrators to reach out and check in with students. It's important to us that students continue to feel connected to our staff, especially during this time when many may feel very isolated.

Please know that we will continue to keep you informed of our plans and the timeline for implementation. You can expect to see a survey regarding technology access and online learning in the coming days, but know that online learning will not be the only platform for continuous learning for our students and families for the remainder of the school year. We also remain committed to approaching these next couple months with compassion and empathy as we know that students, families and staff may be experiencing challenges and struggles like they never have before.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all work through this new challenge.

Tomorrow marks the official first day of our Spring Break – while it may not be the week you had planned, I hope that you enjoy your week and remain safe and healthy.

Take care - Dori

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