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Dear School Community Partner,

Our transition to online learning will begin on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Our students will be learning from home every day while they're away from school, while still under the guidance of their teachers. This learning could include online, paper-based, project-based activities, and/or educational games. These learning opportunities are a collaboration of teachers and specialists from each of our schools across all curricular areas. The activities your child will complete may initially be a review of previously taught skills. So, in some cases, your child may recognize some of the skills, activities, content, stories or games from prior classroom lessons. The goal at the onsite will be to become familiar with the online learning platforms before delving deeper into the content.

Elementary school principals from each building will be sending out a link on Tuesday morning to access your child's work. Please contact your child's principal at once if you do not receive that notification. Secondary teachers will contact their students directly.

The expectation for our elementary children is that students will participate in approximately 60 minutes of Reading, 60 minutes of Math, 30 minutes of Writing, 30 minutes of Social Studies, 30 minutes of Science, and a 30-minute activity of a Special of their choice. This will total approximately four hours of instruction per day.

If your child is in grades K-2 and does not have access to a device at home, please contact your child's principal to arrange to pick up a school-issued device. If the device is not working, please contact the Helpdesk to have it fixed or get a replacement. Information on technology and device issues will be updated regularly on our district homepage.

Aside from the activities provided, feel free to spend time playing board games, card games, cooking together, telling stories, taking walks, and riding bikes. This will also help create a sense of normalcy for children during this transition.

Secondary instruction will be more student-directed and aligned with the content of each class. Some of the coursework formats will be familiar to your children, others will be novel as teachers adapt to the online learning paradigm. Some of this coursework may consist of asynchronous activities, while others may require the entire class to participate simultaneously. Despite the methodology, the goal is to provide rigorous instruction that challenges our students to continue to achieve their maximum potential. As students and teachers become more acclimated to this new instructional practice, the methodology and instructional approach will continue to evolve to meet our students' needs best.

We want to thank you in advance for your flexibility and support during this challenging time. These are uncharted waters for the Edison Public Schools, and we will navigate these difficult times together emerging on the other side stronger than when we entered. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Please reach out to your building Principal, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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