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Dear L-S Parents and Guardians,

I sincerely hope that correspondence finds you and your family doing well and in good health. I would like to thank our students, families, and community for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times together. Students, families, and staff have done an excellent job during the initial implementation of our [Continuity of Education Plan](#). Since the implementation of this plan, faculty, staff, and administrators have worked collaboratively to develop a transition plan to “planned instruction.” The transition to “planned instruction” will officially begin on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 for ALL students. This will replace the previous Continuity of Education Plan and be required of ALL students. The [General Expectations for Planned Instruction](#) are posted on the District website and will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as required by all school districts. The posted expectations outline a number of areas including, but not limited to student attendance requirements, grading, curriculum, lesson delivery, support services, parent communication, and general time expectations.

Please know that I recognize that none of us asked or wished to be exclusively online learners. We are a FAMILY that functions extremely well with appropriate face to face relationships and partnerships involving students, families, educators, and the community alike. However, given the extraordinary efforts of staff that I have witnessed since the mandated school closure on March 13, I have NO doubt that WE WILL rise to the occasion to successfully and effectively transition to planned instruction, while continuing to meet the needs of ALL students in an effective manner.

We recognize that this plan and implementation needs to be fluid. We encourage student, parent, and teacher feedback on what is and is not working. We will continue to monitor, assess, and further develop the Continuity of Education Plan as appropriate. For planning and grading purposes at the secondary level, the last day of the third marking period will be Friday, April 17, 2020, with the fourth marking period beginning on Monday, April 20, 2020. Any additional updated information regarding scheduled events will be communicated and posted on the District website.

While all of us would prefer to be in school and providing face to face instruction to ALL students, we recognize that the current closure is in the best interest for the safety and wellbeing of all Pennsylvanians. Planned instruction at each grade level, building, and subject will likely look different given each set of unique circumstances. If your student experiences any issues with the transition to planned instruction, please reach out to your student’s building principal for assistance. We will do our best to remove any obstacles for our students.

Please check our [website](#) for any updates regarding the Continuity of Education Plan. Thank you for your continued patience and support of our students and staff during this unprecedented time. Regardless of whether students are learning face to face or virtually, we WILL be successful by continuing with the common understanding that...

**Kids come first.
We ARE L-S.
We ARE family.
We are ALL in this together!**

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Peart, Ed.D.
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