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Dear Parents and Guardians of CDS D students:

As the Superintendent of the Central Dauphin School District, it has been uplifting to see our school community come together during the past few weeks to prepare for and begin implementing the distance learning program. This is a massive undertaking to serve the 12,000 plus students of our district. We are doing in weeks what would usually take years to accomplish.

I am very happy that many students are back in class and online learning has already begun. There have been a few small bumps in the road, but, overall, the roll out of the program is going well. We hope to have even more student engagement next week. The enrichment projects that many of our students are working on combined with the new content in curriculum planned through the online platforms will provide appropriate opportunities for learning.

For more information on the District's plans for moving forward with the remainder of this school year, please see the District's Continuity of Education Plan, which is available on the District's website - <https://www.cdschools.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>

The focus of the distance learning program is student learning. We want students to move forward in the curriculum and have the opportunity to master new content. Teachers will be staying connected to the students and providing feedback on their work to foster learning. Students will not, however, receive traditional grades during the 4th marking period. Instead, students in grades 6-12 will be evaluated on a pass/excused basis.

While you may see grades on some assignments, these grades are meant to motivate the students to succeed. The graded assignments will not be reflected on the final report card. The grade point average of your student will be based on his or her grades earned in the first three marking periods. Students in grades K-5 will not be graded for the 4th marking period.

As the District begins to implement the distance learning program, please know that we have given a great deal of thought to the differing modes of learning that each student employs. We are mindful that each household should be supported in a way that leads to appropriate learning. We understand that we must find the right balance between home and school engagement, and that we must provide a sense of routine while not overloading our students or their families. This will be an ongoing process and we will continue to make adjustments in order to find the right balance.

The District understands that these are challenging times for families, and some may struggle to fully participate in the distance learning program. We want students and our employees to put their families first so please know that flexibility exists. However, if we find that certain students aren't engaging, we will reach out to those students and families directly. We want to work with you to give you the best possible support for your child's education.

If you have any questions or if you need help at any time with our distance learning program, please reach out to your teachers and your building principal. Teachers have set office hours or have otherwise provided their contact information and are available to address your questions and concerns. We look forward to working with you to make the distance learning program a success.

Please take care and be safe,

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