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Dear Families,

The union leadership and school administration have been working on the most effective way to address middle and high school Cohort D, and students who need to stay at home due to quarantine requirements. It is important that we are able to keep all of our students in their classes with their teachers and peers. To do this, these students will need to participate remotely. We recognize that this will be new and challenging for our staff, and want to provide as much support as possible.

There are two reasons why a student may need to participate in a classroom remotely. The first is if the student is participating in cohort D – our fully remote program. These students will need to participate remotely on days where their classmates are in-person. The second group is students who are required to quarantine for 10 to 14 days due to a positive Covid test or being identified as a close contact.

School administration and union leadership have developed a menu for teachers to select from to stream at-home students into their classrooms. The menu is a list of options along with the opportunity for a teacher to develop an alternative plan with his/her building principal.

Some additional information about remote learning:

**ABSENT**: If a student is absent on the day that she/he is supposed to be present in-person, the student cannot be remote on that day. The student will be marked absent since she/he will not be physically present for in-person instruction.

**VACATION/LONG WEEKEND**: If a student is going away for a vacation or weekend event early on a Friday, teachers are not required to provide remote instruction. The student is also considered absent and must make up any missed work as has always been the district policy.

**QUARANTINE ORDER**: If a student is asked to quarantine due to a state travel order or local contact-tracing protocol, teachers will strive to include these students remotely without switching their entire schedule since the switch is temporary and finite (10-14 days).

A reminder that if a student is going to be traveling for more than 10 days, the student will be withdrawn from school and re-enrolled upon return. MVPS administration recognizes that families are going to travel, and students will be required to make up work upon return.

If a student is going to miss more than 5 consecutive days for vacation or travel, a parent must schedule a meeting with the principal or assistant principal.

Please stay safe and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.