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All,

I am writing to check-in with everyone. This email is for every member of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District family. We know that our efforts to meet all of our students in your home is daunting at every level. We have received parental feedback that we are not doing enough and we have also heard that we are asking too much. We know that every family has a unique dynamic that is simply not replicated from home to home like classrooms in a school. We know that some families are worried about a sick parent or grandparent and other families are worried about too much screen time. We acknowledge that we have families whose household adult lost their job and many others who are worried about losing their job or being furloughed. Our efforts are grounded in all available guidance and a concerted effort to support each and every student in Charlton-Dudley. We still do not have answers for everything and we are planning for the next weeks and evolving our framework for the possibility of an extended shutdown.

With that said, this week is a very important week for everyone as we want to ensure a level of engagement that prepares all of us for Monday, April 27, 2020 after next week's spring vacation. Weekly, we are reviewing student participation with educators and within our enhanced remote learning opportunities and we believe we are meeting a high level of success for all grades through early middle school and a level of success for the upper middle school and at the high school. This week, our educators will finalize the learning rubric framework to gauge student participation and engagement starting Monday April 27, 2020. This will include credit/no credit, pass/fail, met/not met, and meeting expectations/requires assistance for all forthcoming expected student work. This week, we need to ensure your student(s) has established an open form of communication with their teacher(s). Additionally, if your family dynamics are such that you are struggling with this expectation, please contact your student(s) Principal and we will work with each and every one of you. No request for support or question is too small.

Next week, April 20th through April 24th is our spring break. We are aware that many of you would have preferred a continuation and that many of you are relieved that we can catch our breath. We asked our educators to create another batch of remote learning opportunities (RLOs) which will be posted on our website for the April vacation week. These RLOs will be student activities that have limited screen time and are connected to the overall well-being of your student(s). As a child and often heard throughout my career in education is how students believe educators live in the schools. I am confident that many of our younger children still believe this to be true through this shutdown. As you take the time to catch your breath, DCRSD educators are doing the same as we are all in the same remote, stay-at-home, family dynamic place.

We have served over 17,000 meals to our families in need during this shutdown. During the April vacation week, we will change our grab-n-go to only Wednesday, April 22, 2020. We will provide enough food to bookend that day the Friday before and on that Wednesday April 22, 2020. We will only have midday pickup and if you believe that you qualify for meals, do not hesitate to go to either SHRHS or CMS from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All we ask is that you provide a student's name. Our food service department will follow-up with any needed application paperwork.

I continue to thank you for your flexibility and patience. May we all see our way to the end of this health crisis.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

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