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Dear Families,

On Thursday, April 16th Governor Evers extended the [Safer at Home Order](#) through May 26th at 8AM and has closed school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Given that, we recognize learning at home looks different for every family and cannot be a “one-size-fits-all” approach. We understand many of you are balancing working from home while trying to guide your children with at-home learning and some of you may have other caregivers watching your children during the day. We appreciate all you are doing to support your children during this time.

That being said, we wanted to provide some additional guidance and review our recommendations for at-home learning as well as offer some clarification about the options we are providing on our [COVID-19 Optional Learning Instructional Resources](#). The Department of Public Instruction recommends the following guidelines related to virtual learning and student work time:

- Students in grades K - 1 a minimum of 1 hour per day
- Students in grades 2 - 5 a minimum of 2-5 hours per day
- Students in grades 6 - 12 a minimum of 4 - 6 hours per day
- AP/Dual-Credit Courses should take guidance from their teacher per requirements set forth by the Institute of Higher Learning.

Please note that we do not recommend students sitting in front of a screen for 6 hours and home time *does not have to be continuous-time*. This time includes online learning as well as work time to complete tasks or assignments and includes other activities such as physical activities, art, music, and social and emotional lessons.

**Elementary:**

While i-Ready Reading and Math lessons continue to be our main resource for learning for the remainder of the year, we want to offer some variety to keep learning fresh and engaging. We are now recommending that K-5 students complete a minimum of 2-3 lessons **per week** in both i-Ready math and reading and then choose from the [optional learning opportunities](#) in math and reading for the remainder of the recommended time per day. **Classroom teachers will provide recommendations and guidance on opportunities you can focus on each week.**

**Middle School:**

The recommendation for the remainder of the year for 6-8 students is to complete a minimum of 2-3 lessons per week on i-Ready math and reading (4-6 lessons total per week) and to keep learning fresh and engaging, choose from the [optional learning opportunities](#) in math and reading for the remainder of the recommended time per day. **Please refer to the Google Classroom agendas communicated from your teachers for all other subject areas and to prioritize learning for each week.**

**High School:**

For the remainder of the year, please continue to check in with your student as their teachers will be communicating weekly assignments. Take guidance from your child's teachers on prioritizing their daily workload.

We know many resources and ideas have been shared with you. Your child's teacher(s) will help you prioritize the learning for your children with ongoing communication a minimum of once per week and will include specific office hours where your child can get some additional support as needed.

As parents, it is not your job to worry about introducing and mastering **new** learning. Try not to stress - research tells us that a child under stress cannot learn from an adult under stress. First and foremost we want you to be taking care of yourself and your family's well being. As always, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher(s) for additional guidance and support.

Sincerely,

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