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**April 17, 2020**

**Dear Beamer Families and Scholars,**

We hope this message finds you and your family healthy in these difficult times. As you may have heard, the Governor suspended school for the rest of the school year. However, learning will still take place for Federal Way Public Schools scholars.

**Our teachers and staff MISS YOU!!!** Please do not dis-engage from schooling. While we may not be in our buildings, we are all working remotely to help you continue with your learning and help all of our seniors cross the finish line!

All of our teachers are reaching out to their students who didn't meet standards prior to closure with additional opportunities to demonstrate learning on standards that they may not have mastered. **Every student will receive a grade based on standards taught through March 13, 2020.** This means your child still has multiple opportunities to improve their grade for this semester.

**Beginning Monday, April 20th, through the end of the school year:** we will begin our Continuous Learning Plan with Enhanced Remote Instruction. It's not an online school and it's not digital learning. It's an approach that incorporates a variety of digital and non-digital materials and provides instructional activities around new standards to maintain academic growth and mitigate significant learning loss.

**Every Monday,** students and parents will receive an email from all of your teachers with a "Week-At-A-Glance" outlining the lessons for the week. It will include a video for parents and families to explain what to expect. It will also include an invitation to a Zoom meeting or video drop-in session. The learning will be focused on new standards with supporting activities to prepare each scholar for the Fall. If you receive special education and/or English Language Learner (ELL) services, you can anticipate additional communications and support.

**Students will not receive grades on any new learning and activities beginning April 20, 2020.** However, teachers will be providing feedback on select assignments. It's essential that scholars participate in the weekly lessons and Zoom meetings because this learning will build the foundation for the following school year. For those without electronic devices, we have been deploying loaner laptops to students that need access to a computer and/or Wi-Fi hot spot, based on surveys taken the last three weeks.

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For our senior scholars and families, we know you have a lot of concerns and questions about graduation. It is our hope to have something solidified to share with you in the next couple of weeks. High school seniors will receive support from counselors and school support teams to earn and document credits they need for postsecondary transitions. In addition to weekly contact from their teachers, Seniors can expect regular communication from their school support team. Additionally, a senior checklist will be provided to help seniors stay on track towards meeting graduation requirements. We will proactively communicate updates about graduation and graduation requirements when available.

While we know that this time of uncertainty can cause a lot of anxiety, please know that we are here to support our scholars and families as we navigate remote learning together. Please stay healthy, encouraged and continue learning during this time!

Sincerely,

Anali Weatherhead, Principal