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I truly hope this letter finds everyone well in these unprecedented, scary times. As you are aware, the governor has ordered schools closed for the rest of the year and all schools are charting unexplored territory as they quickly switch to distance learning for students. We know remote learning cannot fully replace the live classroom experiences that organically occur with teacher-student interactions and connections; however, we are hopeful that this experience will help all of us learn and appreciate the expanded possibilities for students to hone their skills as 21st-century learners.

The Gladys H. Oberle School implemented our plan for continuation of services on Monday, March 30. Instruction for all academic and elective classes including CTE and EFE is being delivered remotely using a combination of Google Classroom and video conferencing. Students will have a variety of daily assignments that include written work, projects, online curriculum programs, and live class interactions with the teacher using either Zoom or Google Hangouts. We are also providing written work for any student who does not have access to the Internet or computer. If a student has internet but no computer, we will provide a Google Chromebook. If the student lives in an area with access to the internet but does not have it, we are helping them access free internet services being provided at this time. All students have been assigned an email address through GHOS and should have their login information. This email address is needed to access Google Classroom. If a student has forgotten their login, please contact any staff member and they can assist you.

Our counselors are making personal contact with all students and their parents/guardians on a weekly basis to ascertain their specific needs not only in accessing our academic services but also for basic needs such as food, supplies, gas, etc. They are working with our community resource partners in securing needed services. Counselors are also providing individual and group counseling for students through phone calls, email, and teletherapy. Our Culinary Arts teachers have also volunteered to come into the school to make take-home meals for any family in need. We have also set up a method for tracking student access to the services including attendance, work completion, notes, interactions with staff, etc.

For our students unable to access remote learning, GHOS will be handing out pre-arranged materials to parents/guardians on Mondays between 8:00-10:00 am at the school building. Only parents/guardians who have expressed a need for hard copies of lessons or additional learning materials may arrive during this time. These materials will be available at the back entrance to the school where students arrive/dismiss daily.

To minimize contact and maintain social distancing, please pull up to the curb, state your child's name, and remain in your vehicle while the materials are retrieved and delivered to you. This pick-up system will be in place weekly (Monday's 8:00-10:00) for the remainder of the academic year unless something changes. Please be sure to bring your child's completed work with you in the following weeks. The school will not be open for entry.

We appreciate your patience and ongoing communication during the ever-changing environment COVID-19 has created, specifically as it pertains to your child's education at The Gladys H. Oberle School. Our teaching staff has been working hard to ensure all students will have access to the class content in which they were enrolled prior to schools closing. Our counselors have also been working tirelessly to ensure confidentiality and reliability of services remain in place moving forward.

Please know we are here for you and we will get through this together! We are available to answer any questions you may have. All staff are available via email or Google Classroom during normal school hours. We will also be posting daily to our Instagram and Facebook pages so if you haven't already, follow us on social media!

Please stay safe!

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