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Dassel-Cokato High School Families,

I am reaching out to you to explain the educational plan for your son or daughter as it relates to the potential of distance learning. In light of the recent closures related to the Coronavirus, we are anticipating and planning for distance learning following spring break. We will be listening patiently, yet intently to the guidance from state officials, and will provide you with more definitive information as we receive it.

Please know that if we are charged with the task of distance learning, we are prepared and ready to continue with a quality education for your child. Our teachers are prepared and ready to conduct lessons, maintain a high level of rigor, and deliver the same curriculum through a different means. Plans will look slightly different at different levels across the district. The description below will pertain to the High School and our ALC day school program.

We understand and value the face to face interaction and relationships that our staff have with your sons and daughters. Please know that we are going to do everything in our power during distance learning to maintain these interactions on a daily basis. Teachers will be following the enclosed schedule, and have daily interaction with your sons and daughters during the same class periods they do on a traditional day of school. Teachers will be using a software called Schoology to deliver their lessons visually and verbally to your son and daughters school issued chromebook. Teachers are prepared to continue to continue the process of teaching and learning through this platform. The goal is to deliver quality instruction, but also to be cognizant of limiting screen time.

Students need to understand that these are school days that will include the same level of instruction, classwork, homework, and assessments. ***Students will have the responsibility to login into each teacher's schoology session during the start of each class period of each day.*** Teachers will take attendance and give students directions during the first few minutes of the session so that students

understand the expectations for the day. Lessons will vary in time, learning activities, delivery, and duration just like they do when you are present in our classrooms.

We also have a plan in place for our students that currently do not have access to the internet. We will be delivering work, instructions, and the curricular needs to bus stops to ensure we can continue the educational process for these students as well. Teachers will be available for these students via their classroom phone to answer questions during the class period. These students should use the phone extension list that is also enclosed in this mailing. Detailed information in regard to drop off times will be communicated from the district in the near future.

Our number one concern and priority is the safety and health for all of you during this challenging time. Please know that we are confident that we will be able to continue our pursuit of excellence through this plan. All students will have the opportunity to continue to earn credit, and our seniors will have the means to graduate on time and with their class. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or our office staff with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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