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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that everyone is doing as well as possible under the current circumstances. At this time, families and students should be receiving information and resources from teachers. The transition to remote communication has been in place for five days and will continue to evolve. Our teachers and administrators continue to make adjustments. I am thankful for their commitment to our students and desire to do their best as we are all learning. Our focus continues to be on enrichment, making connections, and learning how well our systems can operate in a remote environment. While our framework is focused upon voluntary engagement and assignments that are not being graded, we will let you know if and when we receive any changes to our current guidance.

We continue to work with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Massachusetts Board of Health, and the Norwell Emergency Response Team. The Town of Norwell continues to update the community through emergency alerts. Please visit the Town Website at TownofNorwell.net to answer any Town of Norwell related questions. Overall, the current situation continues to be fluid and guidance could change at any time. These are unprecedented times and everyone is pulling together to make uniform decisions as we move forward.

Hopefully, you have received information from teachers this past Wednesday. Updates are scheduled for each Friday and as teachers are able to communicate. If you are having any difficulties in receiving information, using Schoology, or Aspen, please email Kathleen Lynch at Kathleen.Lynch@norwellschools.org for directions and passwords. If you have questions regarding specific resources or enrichment activities, please contact your child's specific teacher(s) through email. If you have a building based question, please contact your building principal. If you have a question for Central Office personnel, please email Janis Arnold at Janis.Arnold@norwellschools.org for general questions, Director of Student Services Suzan Theodorou at Suzan.Theodorou@norwellschools.org for questions regarding Special Education, or myself at Matthew.Keegan@norwellschools.org. I am sure there are many questions about when school will resume and other dates that have been postponed. As soon as we are aware of any firm information, we will let you know.

Thank you for your support and be assured that we will continue to be in regular contact.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Keegan
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