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Dear Families:

Thank you very much for connecting with teachers earlier this week. It has meant the world to our staff to be able to check in with you personally! We all have been thinking about you as families and missing the daily connections we make.

The information you shared has been useful to shape our distance learning plan. We appreciate knowing what technology support may be needed. Our district priority, at this time, is to equip students in grades 5-12 with appropriate devices. There will be more to come about our K-4 technology support plan.

Today, Governor Walz was able to provide a timeline to initiate distance learning. We will have another communication coming out Friday, March 27th to outline distance learning at the elementary level. March 23-27 has been a planning week to prepare for distance learning. There was not an expectation for students to be engaged in academic work during this period. In preparing for a successful launch of distance learning, it would be helpful for families to login to Seesaw using the information that was sent home on March 13.

In closing, we all recognize this is a new adventure when it comes to the education of your son or daughter. It will provide some challenges both at home and on our end, as well as some really exciting new ways to share learning. Together, we will make the best of the time ahead! Thanks for all your support!

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