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Dear RPS Families,

These are unprecedented times to live in and while COVID-19 has certainly caused a disruption to our families and our school system, Rockford Public Schools remains committed to our community. We will soon be implementing Phase ii of our distance learning approach. This will include more robust instructional experiences and distance learning directed by your child's teacher(s). We will launch this platform on Wednesday April 15, 2020. Additionally, we will provide a plan at that time to allow our students to receive or retrieve items from our buildings to continue their learning at home.

We know that many of our children are grieving the loss of their school identity and their connection to peers and teachers. We plan to help facilitate positive and healthy relationships with our students and staff while still being aware that these times will present some challenges as many of our families have adults who are now working in the home. Our goal at Rockford Public Schools is to support the learning needs of our students as well as their social-emotional and mental health needs. We plan to continue meal distribution to those who may need that service in our community. We will work through the rest of the year with flexibility and common sense to ensure that our families have access to learning opportunities and other basic needs that we can provide.

It is understandable that many will have questions about these evolving events. You can expect Rockford Public Schools to frequently inform our stakeholders as we move into this next phase of the school year. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we take the time to adequately plan for your child. The RAM Family is strong and we will work hard to meet our commitment to our students, staff and community.

Thank you again for trusting Rockford Public Schools with your child's education. We are proud to be a partner with you and look forward to supporting your child in the upcoming months. Please watch for further information regarding opportunities for our students and families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Shibler, Superintendent

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