Dear families,

- We have had a skeleton crew working here at Roy Stibbs the past two days- 2 custodians, Ms. Kassian and myself. We have been preparing the site for visits, taking inventory and communicating with our staff.
- 2. Several families indicated that they are first responders, health care workers or health care professionals in our community. Thank you in advance to those of you that are on this email that are in that group of workers. The District is working on this collectively and there will be sites that will be hosting these families very soon.
- 3. Teachers will be contacting parents first and then students before Friday, April 3. This is intended to be a phone call but may be a personal email in some cases.
 - Parents are reminded to accept "blocked calls" or "No Caller ID" as our teachers and support staff will be contacting families from their private phones.
 - Teachers and EAs are adapting quickly and learning on the fly as the plan begins to take shape. We have a Microsoft Teams approach that allows us to communicate via technology and we have gone from zero to ten very quickly.
 - Curriculum will not roll out until next week. We are checking in, gathering some data and connecting with students and families this week.
 - About 70% of our population has responded to the survey regarding technology in the home and Internet availability. Our teachers will continue to work at getting this information from families.
 - Today thru Friday- groups of teachers will be coming in to gather equipment and materials to work remotely from home. There are strict protocols that must be followed and the numbers must be limited to 5 at a time.
 - The guidelines that teachers will follow will see a minimum of the following: 5 hours of <u>Student Work</u> plus 2 hours for Physical and Health Education <u>per week</u>. Literacy, Numeracy and Core Competencies (communication, thinking, social responsibility, etc.) will be the priorities at this time.
- Supplies collection for students will take place soon. This has many challenges and I will have more details to follow. <u>If there are emergency items to collect such as medications, we will</u> <u>make special arrangements.</u>
- 5. We will continue to update our parent and guardians as our new learning conditions evolve.

We are grateful for your patience and support and wish you and all of your loved ones health and wellness during this unique time and always.

Sincerely,

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