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Dear Noxon Road Families,

I wanted to first express my gratitude and appreciation for your inspiring, relentless support for our staff, school and community during this very difficult time. When I look at our Twitter page (Kelly Becker Murray @noxonroad) our Facebook Page (Noxon Road Elementary School Office) and even through my email, I see messages of kindness, support, strength, creativity and patience. I see families helping families solve daily obstacles, families sharing with families both resources and ideas for engaging children and families spreading positive messages, which are motivational and contagious. Although this is a family letter, I also must share how proud I am of our staff, seeking continuous communication with families, working behind the scenes to prepare for virtual learning and taking the initiative to proactively navigate through this uncharted territory. Although our current situation is nothing that we could have planned for, I am confident that we will do what we always do...and that is come out on top, for our students, as a community.

Earlier this evening you received communication from Dr. Lyons, sharing updates and plans moving forward. As he stated, we are in the midst of planning for the e-learning phase of continued learning for all students. We are finalizing plans for remote learning and anticipate letting you know the specific details of these plans by April 1st, with an anticipated start date for students to be working online, April 6th. Almost all of our Noxon teachers already have Google Classroom set up and/or some experience using this venue. For those less familiar, training will be provided. **At this time, staff has compiled for me a list of families who have not yet accessed the online learning platforms that have been set up and I am working with those families to determine technology needs. If you have already accessed an online platform with your child's teacher, the device you have been using will work for Google Classroom. IF YOUR FAMILY DOES NOT HAVE AT LEAST ONE DESKTOP, LAPTOP, CHROMEBOOK, TABLET OR SMART DEVICE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD, OR IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME BY 8:30 AM MARCH 27, 2020 AT KMurray@acsdny.org.**

We will continue to do everything we can to respond immediately to your needs, create normalcy for our students and continue the connectedness that we have worked so hard to create at Noxon Road, despite the necessary distancing. I have enjoyed seeing the outpouring of participation in our Principal's Challenges and look forward to identifying more ways to keep our children knowing that they are on our minds and in our hearts daily.

Warmly,

Dr. Murray

