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Good evening U-32 families,

As I sit to write this message, I can only imagine where this all will end. I find myself restricting my news consumption and wondering what my own family will do during this time. I know that each of you is experiencing a range of emotions and I want to remind you that it is perfectly normal to experience feelings like grief, anger, frustration and even fear. At U-32, we have experienced the same, so remember to take some time to take a deep breath and know that we will get through this together.

What we now want to do is start communicating with you about what to expect and how to make this all work. I will be providing regular communication with families and students with information about our home learning. In these first few days:

- Start establishing regular routines in your home. Wake-up times, chores, learning time, time outside, and meals need to be scheduled. We will start providing some ideas for how to implement this in your home. School provides a regular routine for kids that will need to be maintained at home.
- If you need help, please reach out to your student's TA, School Counselor, the School Nurses, or Administration.
- Be patient with teacher responses to your emails and phone calls. Remember they are facing the same challenges as everyone else while they are committed to providing learning opportunities for your students.
- Our goal through next Friday is to maintain learning and get a feel for everyone's capacity. Students will be checking in with their TAs and teachers will begin to provide learning opportunities to maintain our learning. We are bringing a lot of new things on-line and it will take time.
- Also, if you have not already, please take a moment to take the survey that was sent yesterday about internet and computer access at your home.

One thing that I am sure of is the ability of the U-32 community and the citizens of central Vermont to work together to keep our communities strong, safe and vibrant. Eventually, we will come back together as one community of students, parents, and staff to celebrate all the wonderful things that we will accomplish over the next several weeks.

Stay well, stay healthy,

Steven Dellinger-Pate

Principal