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March 13, 2020

Dear DLC Parents:

Re: Updated Information Regarding DLC School Closure

This is an update regarding our DLC school closure, which begins Monday, March 16, 2020.

Let me begin by stating again how sorry we are to have to implement a school closure. I understand the instructional disruption this will cause to your child and to your family. However, with the ever-emerging increase in concerns over COVID-19, this decision is made with the health and safety of your child uppermost in our mind.

As a reminder, you may access the four weeks of student work online on the MUVC's website under the "Home Instruction" link on the Home Page or under the "Parents" tab or under "DLC – New Providence" or "DLC – Warren" under the "Schools" tab. Each week's lessons are contained in a folder which may be found under the teacher's name with the designation, "DLC – New Providence" or "DLC – Warren." Teachers have developed 4 weeks of lessons. Your child's speech/language specialist, occupational therapist, and physical therapist and counselor (if your child receives those two related services) have also developed lessons for your child, which have been placed in the teacher's folder. Effective Monday, March 16, please feel free to open "Week 1" of the instructional lessons and participate in instruction with your child. On March 23, 2020, feel free to open "Week 2" and continue accordingly each week.

Additionally, all four weeks of student work is being backpacked home with your child today. We know that some of our students are not able to access instruction online and that online instruction may not work well for particular students. Paper packets for all students is our attempt to resolve that problem for you. If you wish additional instructional programs for your child to work on during this period of school closure, please feel free to open the instructional units for other classes. All instructional plans are open for your review and use if you wish to use them.

DLC teachers will email you daily and therapists will email you according to the schedule that they provide services to your child. The purpose of their emails to you is to address any instructional questions you may have and to provide instructional support to you during this tumultuous time. Likewise, if you have any questions for the teachers or therapists, please email

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them and they will respond promptly during working hours. As always, your principals and Central Office administration are here if you need anything. The email addresses for the DLC principals and Central Office administration are provided below:

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I will end this letter as I began and state, once again, that we understand the huge toll our school closure will have on our DLC students and their families. I will keep you informed on a weekly basis regarding updates and will notify you when it is likely we have a restart day. At the present time, we anticipate being closed through at least March 27, 2020. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet L. Fike". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'F'.

Janet L. Fike

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