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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

At Roy-Hart HS, we have been practicing social distancing, wearing face coverings, practicing CDC guidelines and learning to support each other. I speak for the whole faculty when we say that we are truly sad not to be going to school as usual. We love being with your kids and cherish the day-to-day interactions we have with them. While change is unsettling, we look forward to interacting with your children, albeit in different ways, as we continue throughout the year.

While we are still maintaining our hybrid model, I wanted to be as proactive as possible and share with you the learning expectations and protocols that our students will follow *in the event* that we change to full-remote instruction only.

IMPORTANT: This letter is NOT a notification of a change to full-remote learning.

What will full-remote learning look like at the HS?

Teachers will continue to provide content and instruction to students via Schoology and/or Google Classroom and Google Meets. As we look for this transition to virtual learning to be short-term in nature, our students will continue to follow their current schedule, using a virtual format. Please be aware that attendance at all classes is **required** and students are expected to log in on time for their classes. **Grades are the responsibility of the student and must earn a final course grade of 65 or higher in order to obtain course credit.**

Students will be provided with links in Schoology and/or Google Classroom for live meetings four days per week. Students will no longer attend classes on their Group A/Group B scheduled days. In practice, this means that if a student usually attends in-person learning on Monday and Tuesday they now will be required to login and attend live meetings with their teachers Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If they usually attend in-person learning on Thursday and Friday, they will now be required to login and attend live meetings with their teachers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. These classes will take place at the same time their classes currently do while at school. If your child was previously a full-remote student, they will now be expected to join their classes for live instruction.

Wednesdays will remain an asynchronous learning day. Teachers will continue to have office hours and will work with small groups/individual students on a scheduled basis. Some students will continue to have music lessons or AIS support services on Wednesdays.

How can I help my HS student during full-remote learning?

A large part of the student's work in high school is to manage time and materials and to become independent learners as they transition from one grade level to the next with the end goal of commencement. To support your child, we recommend that you:

- Establish routines and expectations for completing work that fit with your family's routine
- Make sure your child has a consistent physical space for work
- Make sure that your child keeps his/her device(s) charged
- Encourage your child to contact his/her teacher with questions
- Observe work hours for teachers—they will respond to your emails within 24 hours, but are not expected to do so outside of work hours.
- Think about how to manage technology in your home in order to minimize distractions and conflict, and maximize learning.

Technology Support

If your child needs technology support for their device, please visit the District homepage at www.royhart.org. and look for the "Technology Support and Information" icon. You or your child can enter the issue that is occurring and one of our technology specialists will get back to you. This is the quickest and most efficient method to solving technology issues.

Final Considerations

Please note that most children benefit from predictability and routine. To the extent that you can, support your child with a structured schedule, including breaks, healthy meals, and physical activity. We are learning too and will evolve, tweak and adjust our plan throughout this period. And if you're overwhelmed, also be compassionate to yourself. Children are incredibly resilient, and there's an entire RHHS community here to support you.

Sincerely,



Gary Bell
Principal - Royalton-Hartland High School