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Dear PSAS Families,

We hope you are well and staying healthy.

We believed it was important to reach out to you to give you a preview of our remote learning plans. On the 30th of March, staff will return to their normal schedules remotely. During that week they will participate in professional development centered around distance learning and online instruction. They will create online learning experiences and activities for your children. On the 6th of April, we will have our first formal remote learning lessons for students. Once we have begun the remote learning program, teachers will have office hours that are geared toward answering lesson based questions and providing additional instruction to your children. For our students who have exceptional learning needs, our ESS staff, including the paraprofessionals, will have office hours where they will communicate with your students to provide supplemental instruction and support.

To ensure your students have the tools they need to be successful in a remote learning environment, our IT department is working on a plan to distribute our Chromebooks to those students in grades 3 - 8 at the Jones and Fulton campuses on a temporary basis. More details on that plan will be forthcoming.

We recognize that a remote learning environment will be a significant change for your children, as such, our teachers' lessons will be built around the essential learning of a topic. While this will require less time than a traditional school day, it will be a more concentrated effort. The learning day will also be shorter than the normal school day, roughly three to four hours of school work each day for the learners. After the school work day, we are encouraging your children to read, play games, and engage in activities at home to support learning.

If you have additional, specific questions please contact:

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