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Dear Groves Families,

On Thursday, March 19, virtual learning classrooms will open to students. Knowing the rich instruction your student receives at school cannot be replicated with an online experience, our goal is to provide meaningful enrichment opportunities online for students by subject areas. Since we cannot guarantee equal access, students will be encouraged, not required, to complete activities/tasks. Thus, we will not grade any assignments or have any assessments over the next few weeks.

Starting tomorrow, teachers will encourage students to complete activities in a new district Google Classroom. You can expect teachers to check in with their students a few times a week. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers if your child is having difficulty accessing the learning activities. Our staff will be flexible during this challenging time.

In preparation for tomorrow's launch, we are asking each student to make sure that they are able to log into their assigned Google Classroom. A few Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I access my student's Google Classroom?

High school students will receive a Class Code from each of their teachers to access a classroom. They must sign in using their @bps-schools.com Google account. For directions on how they will access the Google Classroom, see [this video](#).

The video said that students would need to log in with their BPS Google Account. How will they know their BPS Google Account?

Your student's username is the same as the username that they use to log into the computers at school. However, usernames for home access will use a different BPS account. Students will use [Username@bps-schools.com](#) instead of Username@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Most students in high school will know how they log into a computer at school. If your student does not know their username or password, they can contact the BPS HelpDesk at [HelpDesk@birmingham.k12.mi.us](#) or 248-203-3123.

What else can I do today?

You can have your student watch videos on digital citizenship. Several videos are available for secondary students at <https://www.commonsense.org/education/videos/discussing-digital-drama>.

In addition, students in 9th-11th grade can set up an account for PSAT/SAT preparation through Khan Academy at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. Please remember everyone's health and wellbeing come first. If I can assist you or your student in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,
Jim Moll
Interim Principal

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