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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year and we prepare to implement the District's Return to School Plan, which includes remote instruction, our teachers and related service staff will be providing various web-based opportunities to our students. These web-based opportunities will be provided through virtual platforms such as i.e. Presence, GoogleClassroom, Seesaw, GoogleHangouts, Zoom, Skype and may include individual or group instructional, educational and/or related service sessions via videoconferencing, livestreaming and/or recorded lessons, classes and sessions. In addition, the District may also utilize livestreaming and recording of in-person classes, which may include class discussions and student participation, and provide access to live streaming lessons and/or recorded lessons to those students participating remotely and/or students participating in-person, but in separate locations for health and safety purposes.

Please be aware that the use of third-party virtual platforms creates potential privacy risks, such as risks related to encryption reliability, unauthorized access, data breaches and/or student access to non-school sponsored content. In addition, depending on the virtual platform used, the platform may use, maintain and/or disclose information gathered in connection with virtual sessions for its own purposes, including purposes related to product development and/or marketing. While these privacy risks do exist, our staff are taking reasonable measures to ensure confidentiality and security of information exchanged while supporting students through these virtual platforms.

School staff will communicate with you as to when videoconferencing, livestreaming and recorded lessons will be available for your student – either for individual or group instruction. On your end, if your student is participating in a group instructional or related service session as part of remote instruction, we ask that you ensure that your student is in a quiet, school-work designated space and/or using headphones, and that your student's device is non-public facing. We are asking students and parents to maintain information learned about other students in a confidential manner, just as we would expect for our students who participate in group sessions and classes while attending in-person instruction. This request applies to maintaining information related to student participation in livestream class lessons and prerecorded class lessons in a confidential manner. No videoconferencing session, or livestreaming or prerecorded lesson may be recorded or redistributed by students or parents in any manner.

We appreciate your continued partnership and flexibility during these exceptional circumstances. If you have any questions regarding virtual platforms or the District's use of videoconferencing, livestreaming and recordings to provide educational activities and opportunities during remote instruction, or concerns related to your student's participation in virtual educational activities and opportunities, please email me.

Sincerely,

**Michelle Ramage**

Michelle Ramage, RCS Superintendent

cc: Principal  
Student's Temporary Record

***Rantoul City Schools is a collaborative community of empowered learners  
that inspires all to grow beyond limits.***