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Dear ECC Families,

As we embark on an unprecedented need to teach our little ones remotely, I must share how confident I am that this can and will be done with passion and commitment from our wonderful ECC team. While we are all reeling from the health crisis that has virtually halted our normal life routines, we stand strong together in continuing our learning and teaching expectations for all families. Our priority is to acknowledge the magnitude of this change, and provide you with every kind of support you may need; academic, electronic, and connectivity opportunities have begun. Other family needs can and will be met for you to the best of our ability. PLEASE, reach out to me or your child's teacher via email for answers; we are here to help guide, provide calm, and support you in every way we can.

We miss the children. We miss our school family. We look forward to a return to more normal life routine when we know for sure it is safe to do so.

With that in mind, let me share some things you can expect from us moving forward.

- Instruction for our children will be direct and in keeping with our curriculum plan that we've worked from all year.
- Hands-on, paper/pencil learning tools will be distributed district wide (that information will follow), so that distance instruction/learning can formally begin April 20, 2020. Electronic learning opportunities will supplement this material.
- We will support our children from afar; emotionally, socially, and academically via meetings with children through technology. Teachers have begun this process already, and will continue to do so through scheduled "meetings" and classes.
- Our plan is that every teacher will meet with children twice per week. Our art and physical education teachers and special education teachers will join those meetings when possible. Meetings will be tailored to the needs of each class as we move through the expected curriculum. Teachers will use materials from the classroom that look and sound familiar to enhance the connection to curriculum and lessons.

- Teacher created instructional videos, links to learning, and hands-on materials will be readily available. As lessons are presented, teachers will monitor for success, and adjust instruction to fit need.
- Students with special needs will have additional support, customized as is necessary by our special education team. If your child has an individualized education plan (IEP) you will hear from the team assigned to ensure that IEP goals are met.
- “Homework” for kindergarten does not exist. The day to day expectation for learning and pacing, along with the amount of time that is expected for daily tasks, will be well-defined in our learning packets. For kindergarten, we know small increments of time are most impactful for lessons. We expect children can dedicate 30 minutes of learning time each day to lessons. Beyond that, if children express a desire to continue working, we encourage that, of course.
- Our buildings will not be open during the current state mandates. As directives from the governor change, we will alert families to access opportunities. For now, please know, our schools are closed. (If you have an urgent need, i.e. medication, glasses, please call my office or email me, or alert your child's teacher.)
- Food service continues! Please plan to pick up food as has been done recently; at the high school on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Finally, the last day of school will be June 4, 2020.

I will continue to inform our families of necessary information. If your questions are not answered, feel free to email (theresa.miles@flushingschools.org) or call me (810)591-2327. I am here, available, and want to help ease the magnitude of this life change for our little ones, and for you.

Respectfully,

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