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Dear Parents:

Let me begin by expressing my deepest regrets at the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on your students' education. These are very trying times and a crisis of this magnitude is something our children have never experienced. I am sure that they are confused and upset. It is our goal as a school district to maintain as much "normalcy" as possible for the sake of our young people.

That being said, there will be a significant change in your students' schooling over the next few months, and this change is going to require you as parents to become involved in your child's education to a much higher degree. Never before has the parental role been more important in assisting us in delivering high-quality education.

Our teaching staff will be sending out lessons and activities, primarily utilizing iPads for our delivery of instruction. If you are not connected or cannot access internet, we will have an alternative plan for you. Some face-to-face instruction may take place at a later date. Rest assured, ALL students will be reached. We will leave no student behind throughout this process. We also know that education of a kindergarten student will look different than that of a senior in high school.

Helpful hints for success for all:

- Stay positive and assure your child that we will get through this
- Have specific times for doing homework
- Be available for your child for questions and answers
- Utilize the resources the teacher(s) put out
- Always watch for updates/tutorials in technology on our website, www.girard248.org.

For technical questions, we have added a tab for tech assistance and frequently asked questions. Information will be added to the website on a regular basis, so please check for updates.

Our staff is working tirelessly to have online instructions ready for classes to begin in early April. We are hoping to have lessons ready for home instruction on April 2, but will definitely have them ready by April 6 at the latest. Instruction should continue through May 22nd.

Finally, I need to convey the importance of taking the online schooling seriously. School is still in session and expectations for our students are still in place. Students are expected to complete daily lessons, and class credits will not be attained if work is not done. Students will still receive grades and assessments, and will not be promoted to the next grade level if these expectations are not met. Seniors must still meet the necessary requirements for graduation in order to receive a diploma.

We need your help to ensure that your student(s) have a proper mindset and attitude toward education, even though life as they know it has just been drastically altered. Please look at this crisis as an opportunity to help your children become stronger and more self-sufficient, to teach them responsibility and accountability, and to help them attain a proper worldview as we care for self and neighbor. We can get through this together. Girard schools have always received tremendous support from our community, and we look forward to partnering with you in this new endeavor.

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