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Denver Discovery School Students and Families,

As we enjoy week three of remote learning, I want to share some of our victories, struggles, and expectations with you. I know the transition to organized and deliberate remote learning has been a difficult experience for everyone, but I am proud of the effort and **perseverance** from all in the community including students, families, and staff.

I am proud to say that since August 24, students and parents have shown an amazing commitment to remote learning. Families are communicating with staff about supports needed and we have been able to address tech, access, and school supply needs. There has been a tremendous amount of **collaboration** to ensure students are prepared for each day of learning and **discovery**. I am also pleased to see that many students are demonstrating **leadership** in class, by embracing new technologies and a new way to have school.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the multitude of challenges presented by remote learning for all stakeholders. I know the current format is not ideal for most learners, and am eager for the day when we can all be back in the school building together. DDS is committed to helping with issues impacting our families. Please continue to reach out to us – your **compassion** in this process is a shining light for myself, and the entire All-Stars team that comprises DDS.

Our unique circumstances present a new set of expectations for us. As staff, we are learning and implementing new educational technologies with fidelity. We are adapting to a new schedule so that teachers have office hours to help support students' questions and expanding our skills to engage learners in a remote setting.

Our expectations for students and families are:

- Ready and logged into class by 9am. 'Ready' means out of bed, dressed, and have had breakfast. We encourage students to treat remote learning as they would in-building learning by changing out of pajamas and being fully ready for the day.



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- Cameras on. Student engagement in class is higher when cameras are on. This also helps teachers learn who their students are and teachers report it feels more like teaching when they can see their students.
- Guardian participation in class is not encouraged or recommended on screen. It is highly distracting to other students and the teacher. It also pulls your own student's attention away from the content. Off-screen guardian observation is welcome.
- Students should eat breakfast before 9am and lunch during the school lunch time. Students should not be eating during class as it limits participation.

As of today, Denver Public School's Return to School Plan will begin on October 19, 2020. In the coming month we will be providing updates on remote, hybrid, and in-person learning arrangements for second quarter.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your student's education.

With **Gratitude**,

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Principal  
Denver Discovery School

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DISCOVERY COLLABORATION LEADERSHIP GRATITUDE PERSEVERANCE COMPASSION