Beverly Public Schools

Good Afternoon Beverly Parents and Families,

As we settle into our new state of social distancing, we hope that all of you are staying healthy and safe. We know some of you may have questions about how we will manage distance learning during the extended closure. First, let me assure you, our teachers and administrators are working together to collect and assemble resources and enrichment activities for our students. Please understand that the goal for all students is continuity of learning and prevention of learning loss. We are keenly aware that it is imperative that we make resources available for all students and equity is at the forefront of every decision we make. One step we are taking is to provide the opportunity for students in grades 5 & 6 **WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A DEVICE,** the opportunity to sign out the iPad that they use daily in their classroom. Mr. Poska will be sending a communication out this afternoon with a schedule uniquely designed to avoid crowds. For students in K-4, we have assembled non-digital packets in addition to our online resources, which we will distribute at each of the lunch sites. Parents who have specific concerns should contact their building administrator. We are planning to launch our **Beverly Keeps Learning** website on Wednesday that will provide online resources and enrichment for students K-12. Our high school students will have access to Moodle and their current schedule of teachers. No students will be penalized for any missed work and, for at least for the first week, all activities are for enrichment and engagement purposes only. We also want you to understand, there is no expectation that our parents will be providing students with new instruction. We hope you and your child find the resources helpful. When and if we move ahead with new content, our teachers will be available to support our students.

Thank you again for your patience and support as we navigate these unprecedented waters.

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