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Dear Members

First, we hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. These are indeed unprecedented times, so it is important we communicate with you on a regular basis moving forward.

By now, you might have seen the email from Superintendent French that students may be out until May 5, 2020. As the situation changes over the next few weeks, this date may move forward or back. Please be assured that during this time, you will continue to be paid your full salary.

We want to assure you that we are continuing to work on your behalf. If you have any concerns regarding how things are implemented at your school site, please send your input to one of your Board Members listed below. To be able to communicate with you directly, please get your personal email address to your Faculty Rep or to one of your Executive Board members.

We want to clarify a few points, as they stand right now:

1. The District is providing the **core instruction** for students via the MVSD website. Those packets are also available for pick up at the District Office and are being mailed to families that request it. Please go to the MVSD website to check out what is being offered to our students.
2. Some teachers are offering additional materials, which are **supplemental** to the core instruction that the District is providing. These additional materials are not mandatory.
3. The reason for 1. "core materials" and 2. "supplemental" has to do with special education students and Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
4. As a reminder, report cards and progress reports are due for the 2nd trimester by March 26.
5. However, during this time away from school, we are focusing on student learning vs. student accountability and grading. Our emphasis should be on supporting learning.
6. The District is currently working on providing devices and internet connectivity to our students and their families.
7. Your principals will be contacting you and your staff next week.

Our plan, as your Executive Board, is to meet weekly with the Superintendent via a Zoom Conference and to send a communication to you soon after.

Meanwhile, be strong, be cautious, and be kind.

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