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Dear North Branch Families,

As the district looks ahead, the North Branch Leadership Team and teachers are designing a Long-Term Learning Plan that thoughtfully looks at the inequity of access for our students. Thus far, this plan has involved a) printed learning materials that have coincided with the district's Curbside Meal Program and b) a host of online resources (e.g., <http://bit.ly/NBHomeResources>) that parents and students can access. In addition, many NBAS teachers have been providing some digital opportunities of their own.

Students are scheduled to be back in school on Tuesday, April 14th. In the chance that the school closure continues, the district wants to be prepared to provide students in our community another option. Through coordinated efforts from Leadership and teachers, we are building a district-wide virtual learning platform for BK-12th grade students that will launch on **Monday, April 6, 2020**.

This is a difficult time for our students and families. We feel providing this space for students to come together on a regular basis is beneficial. It may help establish some routines at home, create an avenue for asking questions about posted learning activities and also afford students a place to connect with classmates.

Our goal with the district-wide virtual learning platform is to have all North Branch Area Schools teachers available online. If you do not have online access at your home, your child still will be able to participate. You will be given a phone number for your child to join the virtual meeting. Printed learning materials will continue, with the exception of Spring Break. **Next week, we will be sharing more details about how your child can take part in these new learning opportunities.**

As we embark on this new learning journey, the district understands there will be glitches - and celebrations - along the way. We thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and support as we stretch ourselves as education professionals.

We recognize and understand the tremendous hardships that many of you in the community are facing at this time. Please know we will continue to do everything we can to support our Bronco students and families.

Please continue to check this live document for the most up-to-date information: https://bit.ly/NB_FAQs.

Regards,

The North Branch Leadership Team