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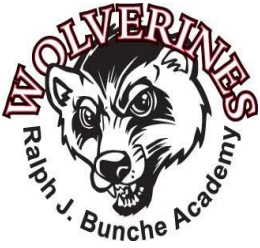
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Greetings Ralph J. Bunche Family,

I am writing to inform you of our plans to address the needs of our school community in 2020 - 2021. We spoke to many of you this summer about the best ways to meet your student's educational, social, and emotional needs in this current time of uncertainty and anxiety. We can not do anything about the fact that our city is on the state watchlist due to the number of COVID-19 cases. As long as that fact exists, the county office of education will not allow for students to be in-person on our school site. Oakland Unified School District has already stated that all students will be in an online-only distance learning format for at least the first 4 weeks of the school year August 10th - September 7th (Labor Day Holiday). The district will monitor the cases of COVID-19 during that time and we will update families accordingly regarding any new information and next steps. Please check our website frequently for the latest updates.

In the meantime, I wanted to describe the online educational approach we are taking to meet the needs of our students and families.

- 1) Focus on the social-emotional needs of students. Through the flexibility of our weekly schedule and use of faculty advisors checking-in with families on a regular basis, we want to make sure we stay connected as a school community in this potentially isolating time.
- 2) Provide Synchronous (teachers online together with students) education in the morning.
- 3) Provide Asynchronous (students interacting with the curriculum on their own) education in the afternoon. (see graphic below)
- 4) We can accommodate students and families who do not feel comfortable coming back to school (whenever that is deemed possible) and students who need additional support to access lessons and projects totally online.



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I can't promise that this new plan will be perfect. We will provide grace and support to families hit hardest by this pandemic, and we ask for the same considerations as we try to navigate this to the best of our abilities. We don't have all the answers, no one does, but we feel if we all keep communicating with each other throughout the year, anything is possible. Thanks for your time, support, and love Bunche community.

In Partnership,

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scheduled Advisory Check-in weekly				Scheduled Advisory Check-in every week
Period 1: Synchronous Time W/ Teacher	Period 2 Sync W/ Teacher	Period 5 Sync W/ Teacher	Period 3 Sync W/ Teacher	Period 4 Sync W/ Teacher
Scheduled Advisory Check-in weekly				Scheduled Advisory Check-In every week
Period 1: - Asynchronous Work Completed For Teacher - Potential Additional Support	Period 2 - Async Work - Additional Support	Period 5 - Asynchronous Work - Additional Support	Period 3 - Async Work - Additional Support	Period 4 - Asynchronous Work - Additional Support
- Check-In with support - Work Based Learning - Post-Grad Planning - Senior Capstone - Student Leadership - Credit Recovery	- Check-In with support - Work Based Learning - Post-Grad Planning - Senior Capstone - Student Leadership - Credit Recovery	- Check-In with support - Work Based Learning - Post-Grad Planning - Senior Capstone - Student Leadership - Credit Recovery	- Check-In with support - W.B. L. - Post-Grad Planning - Senior Capstone - Student Leadership - Credit Recovery	- Check-In with support - W.B.L. - Post-Grad Planning - Senior Capstone - Student Leadership - Credit Recovery