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Dear Parent/Guardian;

As we prepare to start our Distant Learning Plan on March 30, 2020 we would like to share some needed information as well as what will be expected from students and staff during this time. Please know we are doing everything possible to not only provide equitable learning to all our students but keep the lines of communication open and staff and students connected as well.

Expectations:

- 8:30 9:00 am Required daily attendance of all students with teachers via Google Hangouts, text, emails, phone calls. Attendance will be marked and tracked in JMC. Truancy is in place even if not physically in the building.
- 8:00 am 3:00 pm Will be the "school day". During this time teachers will be available to help with lessons, answer questions and address any concerns. They will be utilizing Google Classroom, hangouts, email, text and phone to connect with students. Please try to have your students contact your teacher during this time. IF the teacher is contacted after the "school day" they may not get an answer till the next day.
- Students are Required to be doing their assignments just as if they were in school. If a
 student chooses to not do any work during Distance Learning they will fail the course or
 grade for the period of distance learning.

School Information: The School will be providing

- Meals (breakfast/lunch) to all students Monday Friday. If you are not receiving meals and would like to do so please contact Tammi in the school office
- Daycare for children of Tier 1 essential employee workers from 8:30 am 3:00 pm Monday - Friday. Transportation will be provided.
- Weekly exchanges of work/materials to all students. Exchange days will be Mondays (drop-off) Fridays (pick-up)
- There are several sites and kinds of material available to students and parents please check with your students teacher to see what is available to your students.

During this time of school closure and Distance learning school office hours and building access will be different than when school is in session. We ask that you take note of the following:

- If there is <u>absolute need</u> to come to the building that you contact the office or teacher first and make prior arrangements. We are limiting the number of people in the building at a time.
- Custodial Staff will be working regular hours (6 am -8 pm) cleaning, sanitizing and doing regular maintenance.
- Office hours will be 8:00 am 3:30 pm daily with alternating staff.
 - Tammi Cain will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and by email at tcain@indus.k12.mn.us.
 - Mrs. Bitter will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and by email at lbitter@indus.k12.mn.us.

We know that this is a very uncertain time for everyone and that there will be bumps in the road and changes that may need to be made. We ask that you be patient and keep the lines of communication open. Teachers and staff are here to help where we can. We appreciate all you doing to help in your child/rens education during this time. Remember we are Indus Strong and will get through this together. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Laurie Bitter Indus Principal