



April 17, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we wrap up our fifth week of remote learning, I continue to be awed by our community and State's ability to adapt. Though it hasn't been easy, we have pulled together in truly inspiring ways.

April vacation presents us with an interesting paradox: Teachers are ready for a well-deserved break while students may be feeling much different. Despite attending virtual classes, boredom and a lack of peer and social connection is likely setting in and taking a toll on many of our students. Please reach out and ask for help. We are here to get you through this. That is our commitment to students and families.

We are also at another turning point. The Maine Dept. of Education recently announced its recommendation to remain closed for the remainder of the school year. With public health in mind and a desire to increase the chances of opening the 20-21 school year "in-person," we have made the decision to follow these recommendations. I understand fully that this will create hardship and for that, I am sorry. It will also lead to questions regarding important events such as graduation. We will update people when we know more.

With the extension of closure, we have revised our Remote Learning Plan and have attached a copy of it to this letter. We will begin this on Tuesday, April 28th. ***If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your student's advisor.*** You can also reach out to the resources listed below:

- Technical Support. If your student is having difficulty with their laptops or login please contact the school tech coordinators for assistance:
Solomon Heifets, sheifets@means.academy
Bryan Michaud, bmichaud@means.academy
- Additionally, administrators are available for questions and concerns.
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