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Dear Montgomery Preparatory Academy Students and Parents,

As you saw in the previous announcement, Governor DeWine announced that schools complete the 2019-2020 school year in virtual learning situations. While we understand there is still some shock value to that statement, we want to be clear and ease any uncertainty you may currently be feeling.

First and foremost, the emotional well-being of your child(ren) is of utmost importance to us. We can catch students up with academics and work to fill in gaps in learning when school resumes either for summer learning or next fall. It is extremely difficult to fill in emotional gaps whether they may be feeling fear or anxiety or any other thoughts your children may be having. They may not even be able to articulate how or what they are feeling at this time. We would love to partner with you during this time. Please reach out to your teachers or other staff members and we will connect you to what resources you may need.

We must continue our partnership to encourage learning for the remainder of the school year. With that being said, we understand each family has a unique culture and resources are not readily available to everyone. It is important for all of us to continue learning during this closure period so that students maintain the skills they have learned and do not end up behind going into the next school year. We need to work together with a shared accountability for this process. At the same time, we need to honor unique family situations and stressors. There will be no formal Fourth Quarter Report Cards in the traditional sense of grading. Students will not be earning an A, B, C, D, or F rating. Our new rating scale according to ACCEL Schools as modified from the Ohio Department of Education are as follows:

O ~ Outstanding - student is achieving above grade level expectations

S ~ Satisfactory – student is achieving grade level expectations

I ~ Improving – student is making progress towards grade level expectations but is not reaching standard or goal

N ~ Needs Improvement – student is not making adequate progress towards grade level expectations

Z ~ Zero Work Received – although there are many reasons a student may be unable to turn in assignments and will not be penalized, we need to document that student had not been following virtual learning at this time

These ratings will allow us as educators and as those responsible for ensuring ongoing learning and success to track our progress, successes, and areas that need improvement. We will strive to partner with your family the best way we can. Communication is key. Teachers and staff members will be available to answer questions from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, or other hours individual teachers may set as office hours. If something is not working for your family, please reach out so we may assist as possible.

In addition to the new grading scale, teachers will be offering feedback to you and your child(ren). This may occur through personal emails, phone calls or conferences, Zoom or Canvas sessions, Google



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Classroom, etc. Your child's teacher is your first point of contact, however, you may reach out to any staff member at any time if your questions are not being adequately answered.

Happy Virtual Learning,

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