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Dear CVSU Online Academy Families:

I just wanted to touch base with you and let you know that we will begin rolling out the Academy next week. We have upwards of 180 students enrolled in the Academy and continue to have new families express interest. This was far more students than we had anticipated which led to our inability to fully staff the Academy with our own teachers and the decision to seek the help of a third party provider.

Getting ready to be online is a little more complicated than it was last spring because we do not have in person access to your students this year. Devices need to be picked up at the home school and 1:1 agreements need to be signed so that the device can go home. You will also be able to apply for a Hot Spot, if needed, to assist in your connectivity. Schools will be in touch to schedule a time for your students to take the fall local assessments (STAR 360) and I'll be sending out more information on the Learning Partner expectations.

We continue to be committed to keeping your students connected with their home school, but that is taking some coordination with principals and staff. Daily check in systems are being developed and social/emotional learning is being scheduled. We are also looking to nurture your student's curiosity and interests through the Online Academy experience. Folks from your schools will be in touch to conduct an interest survey with your students or to direct them to an online version. We will also be looking for you to identify your student's learning partner, how to best be in touch with them, and how to best contact them with resources and training when necessary.. We are building a website of resources for students and their Learning Partners to access and experience together.

As soon as we are confident devices are in Academy students' hands we will begin to roll out the local pieces of the Academy. We anticipate this will be the middle of next week; perhaps earlier for some grade levels. If you are unclear on how to obtain your student's device, please contact your home school. Edgenuity will come a little later as there are many steps we are actively taking that need to be taken for the best student experience. Also, as I mentioned before in an earlier communication, they are overloaded as well because of the demands across the country due to the pandemic.

As we look forward, I am anticipating there will be times during the week when students will be required to be online in order to stay connected with their home school and other times when they will be working independently or with their learning partner on interest-based learning. We will provide you with a schedule of the required gatherings as soon as we have them.

I know the wait is frustrating but these are exciting times and we really want students to be excited about their learning. If your student is in grades 6 through 12, you will hear more about their program tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Susette Bollard
Superintendent