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Dear CVSU Online Academy Families:

We have basically separated the Academy into three categories - elementary, middle and high school. You will be pleased to know that the high school portion is up and running as of today. As for the elementary and middle school we should have the local pieces up and running by the end of this week. Let me explain.

You may remember that we needed to move to a third party provider because the interest in working online quadrupled from the initial interest to the actual registration. We initially had interest in the program from about 35 families and we now have 180 students (44 in 9-12) across the supervisory union. As I shared before, we simply were not able to staff the Academy with current personnel. Working with a third party provider is more complicated than one might think. Their program is “tuned” to our students through the use of our local assessment data, STAR 360. Students both in house and online will be taking these annual assessments online next week - as soon as new rosters have been created and we have the tests pushed out to the devices. This is the same process for students in house. From there, the results of the assessments will need to be matched with the products before we can launch those activities for students. All of this requires students to have their devices at home and be able to sign in with new passwords. Normally we do this together in the buildings but in this case, schools are in different “places” with getting devices out to their Online Academy students. If your student does not have their device, please contact their school. They should be able to connect you with the person who will set up the pick up time.

Knowing that the reason for many of you choosing the online option was COVID related, we are working out the schedule to make certain your students stay in contact with their home school. Those check ins and advisory type interactions should be scheduled by the end of the week. They will be different for different age levels and different schools. We are also compiling a set of online resources for students and their learning partners to explore to begin to lay the foundation of student led learning. These should also be available before the end of the week. Students will receive access to an online survey through their school email accounts that provide us with more information as we build the resources.

I apologize for the delay but am excited about the possibilities for a different kind of learning experience for students. Remember that most of your students' online experience will be asynchronous - without a “live” instructor. Learning partner expectations and tips will be out tomorrow for parents as will the interest survey for students who are all set up at home. I wish that I could hurry the process for you and your students.

Sincerely,  
Susette Bollard  
Superintendent