Parents/Guardians of Students in Ninth through Twelfth Grade:

Gallup-McKinley County Schools (GMCS) would like to thank our families for their patience and support during this unprecedented closure of public schools in New Mexico. We want to assure you that we have worked to create resources that will assist our students while they are continuing their learning at home. These materials are voluntary, provide self-guided learning, and can be turned in to improve a student’s current grade. Students will receive their current grade toward credit in the class and may complete the optional work to increase their grade by a minimum of one letter grade. We do not want to penalize our students for circumstances that are beyond their control.

High school students will receive one packet of work containing content previously covered during classroom instruction for each of their current courses. Some subjects may look to combine learning activities, but a student should receive no more than seven work packets. Students who are working toward credit recovery will be contacted individually by their school sites to monitor progress toward meeting graduation requirements. The materials being sent home will be handled with appropriate protective measures. We care deeply about the safety of our students, families, and community. The packets will be mailed home the week of April 13th using the mailing addresses on file. If you do not receive a packet by April 24, 2020, please reach out to your local high school (list has been included on the back of this letter for your convenience).

Please expect two phone calls from GMCS staff if your student is receiving services and supports from Special Education. One call will be from your student's case carrier at their school and the second will be from your student’s related service providers if they receive Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or School Social Work Services. GMCS Special Education services will also be developing Individual Learning and Service Plans for your students.

Parents and guardians of students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade have received separate guidance. The District will continue to address the needs of individual students throughout this process and we want to be sure that all students are given every opportunity we can provide during this challenging time.

Yours in education,

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