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To: Honorable School Committee

RE: Tutoring Update

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As we outlined in August, we knew our number one priority was to ensure that **all students** have access to effective, engaging and sustained instruction and support. As a result, our planning is aligned and cohesive through an **Integrated Approach to Recovery**.

Vision: Our vision for increased shared responsibility is all staff working together to support students' emotional well-being and academic growth. It extends to include partnerships with families, working together to create an ever-increasingly inclusive community, and empowering students to have agency over their own learning.

As part of this vision, we wanted to ensure continuity of learning for students and families impacted by COVID-19. As such, we created two remote tutoring programs for students (K-8 and 9-12) for students in quarantine. We hired fourteen (14) remote tutors to assist and support students. As of January 10th, here are the number of students at each grade band that received tutoring since September:

K-8: 1,205

9-12: 280

Below are the protocols and procedures for each grade band:

Quarantine Tutoring

Grades 1-8

-Remote tutors assigned to each school

-Principal or AP will make initial contact to welcome tutors into their learning community

When a student is identified as having a positive test or deemed a close contact and has to remain home in quarantine, the following will take place to ensure continuation of learning:

1. Principal or designee will contact the teacher for assigned work
 - a. When a student is identified, 2 days of initial work will be gathered for the student (s)
 - b. If the student is in the building, then the assignments will be gathered by the Principal or designee and delivered to the student to take home.
 - c. If the student is home, then a Supervisor of Attendance will retrieve the work and deliver it to the student's home.
2. Remaining work will then be gathered and delivered to the student's house by a Supervisor of Attendance
 - a. Students in grades 4-8 should take their chromebooks and chargers home for the duration of quarantine.

b. Students in grades 1-3 will be given a chromebook and charger to use during quarantine (these should be taken from existing carts in each building). If chromebooks are not available for grades 1-3 during ACCESS and / or MCAS testing or for other reasons, then paper copies of work should be sent home using the above procedures. In addition, this work should be scanned and sent to the tutor. The tutor will then create a plan with the family to provide tutoring. Although Kindergarten isn't part of the tutoring plan, teachers can and should send work home for students.

3. The Principal or designee will contact the tutor and provide student contact information.
4. The tutor will contact the family and schedule tutoring sessions.
5. The tutor will deliver services, provide support and then provide a written report to the Principal or Assistant Principal when services are completed.
6. If a parent indicates they do not want tutoring, then the parent should email the Assistant Principal.

Grades 9-12

1. Students will receive their daily work through google classroom and also attend daily teacher office hours via Zoom (quarantine students will be given priority during office hours).
2. Students will receive frequent check ins and reminders to review Aspen/Google Classroom for assignments. Additional support will be available to assist students with organizing their work and scheduling of synchronous meeting sessions
3. If a parent indicates they do not want tutoring, then the parent should email the Assistant Principal.