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Dear Parents/Guardians

As you are aware, the Elmwood Park School District has actively worked on a plan to provide alternate instruction in the event schools needed to close due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). All schools provided time for staff members to prepare lessons and assignments for your children. At the high school, we are very prepared to deliver high quality online learning to all students. Since 2018, the high school has used the Canvas learning management system (LMS). The Canvas LMS facilitates engaging teacher/student interaction through the use of modern technology. Canvas is the platform that most universities and colleges in the State of New Jersey use to deliver online programs and courses. Our teachers and students are highly familiar with using the LMS and I am extremely confident that the shift to online learning, although disruptive, will be highly successful.

All materials, resources, assignments, activities, and due dates will be accessible to your children within the Canvas LMS. I would strongly suggest that you ask your children to show you their Canvas course pages. However, if you wish to see a description of the assignment and the due date, please visit the parent portal which will display all assignments.

During the closure, attendance “virtual” attendance is required and will be closely monitored. Please follow the steps outlined below in order to be marked present each day. In addition, if your child is ill during the closing, you must notify the school health office.

1. **Student Attendance:** Please visit your high school’s direct website and click on the “**Click Here for Daily Attendance**” link. You will then enter your child’s Student ID Number by **10:30 am daily**. You must log your child in each and every day using the link on your specific school’s webpage.

<http://hs.elmwoodparkschools.org/>

2. **E-Learning Absences:** A link also will be posted to your high school's direct website for any student unable to participate in e-Learning for the day due to a sickness. You must click the link and enter the requested information. It is very important that we know if your child was sick during the closure and if they visited a doctor.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1E1cYjWb7d0_3lNrpieiXLDZhVcpvNqxN?usp=sharing

I want to thank you for your anticipated patience and cooperation during this unique time in your child's education. With your support and communication, I know that we will navigate these uncertain times with tremendous success - Stay healthy and safe!

Sincerely,



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Principal

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