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Dear Union #28 Families,

I want to begin by thanking Union #28 administrators, principals, educators, other school staff and our families and caregivers for all of your work in supporting our students during these unusual times. Your tireless efforts are much appreciated!

With Governor Baker's recent announcement that schools will remain closed until at least May 4, I am sure there are many questions regarding the continuation of student learning during this extended closure. Remote learning cannot replace the experiences our students receive in our school communities. Our educators and school staff sorely miss teaching and learning together as a community. We are committed to help our students continue their learning during this extended period.

The administration and staff have been working diligently and collaboratively to craft plans for our learners. Our Leadership Team is meeting multiple times per week to figure out the best ways to support learning and support staff and students. Over the next week, staff/principals will provide more information and updates on the learning plans being created. These plans are designed to engage students in meaningful and productive learning opportunities. Remote learning is not synonymous with online learning, although online learning can be a tool to assist in student learning. Remote learning can take many forms, including having children engage with resources in their everyday lives and with the natural world around them. Remote learning can also provide unique opportunities for children to engage in the arts or in projects that are of interest to them. We want to create those opportunities that support our students' curiosity and natural wonderings.

This is a time of uncertainty. What continues to remain a certainty is our dedication and commitment to our students--your children.

Sincerely,



Jennifer J Culkeen
Superintendent of Schools