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Bellevue Learning Community,

Earlier today, along with members of the Bellevue School District School Board, I was able to connect with many of you at the BSD Families Forum. It was the third virtual town hall that I have hosted. During this time, we were able to answer questions around our learning plan, grading, returning in the fall, and other topics of community interest. If you were unable to join us, I invite you to [watch a recording at your convenience](#).

Now, more than ever, it is important for all of us to stay engaged and connected. The ongoing global pandemic has been challenging in so many ways. We are experiencing changes to learning, working and living. Many families are facing unprecedented hardship paired with uncertainty about what comes next. Together, as a community, we will support each other through this time.

At this time when we need each other the most, we are being forced to isolate. But physical distancing doesn't mean that we need to emotionally withdraw from our community. I'm sure like many of you, I am focused on what I'm grateful for at this time – those small bright spots. We have a new series on our website to share those stories of hope: [Dispatches from Home: Compassion in Uncertain Times](#).

As the new routines are setting in, students, families and staff are getting creative with remote learning. Whether it's designating a student as a "chat leader" during a Teams classroom meeting, creating rhymes about missing their teachers, or helping others by learning how to make masks, our community has come together to continue to help our students learn and thrive. If you want to share your experience with us, please [contact us](#).

Additionally, I would like to share some important news and resources:

- **Grading Frequently Asked Questions:** As promised last week, we have prepared a more in-depth explanation of decision on fourth quarter grading for high school courses. In it you will learn how we will ensure that students are making progress and are prepared to advance to the next grade level or next step in life after graduation. [Learn more](#).
- **Last Day of School:** This is a reminder to families that the last day of school will be Friday, June 19. We had initially planned to end on June 22 due to a snow make-up day. This decision is in line with guidance received from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

On behalf of all the staff at the Bellevue School District, I thank you for efforts in joining us in finding new ways to create community.

In partnership.

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