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Hello Rosholt Parents:

Right now we know that our state government will let us know when we can return to face-to-face schooling. It is too early to make decisions about spring milestone events in Rosholt. Thus, we're waiting to announce any determination regarding the musical, athletics, prom and graduation until we have further understanding around the timing affecting this closure.

In regards to the amount of daily work that can be expected for students, please anticipate that four- and five-year old kindergarten, as well as grade 1 can expect approximately 1.25 hours/daily; grades 2-3 can expect approx. 2 hours/daily; grades 4-5 can expect approx. 2.5 hours/daily; grades 6-8 can expect approx. 3.5 hours/daily; grade 9-12 can expect approx. 4.5 hours/daily with work beyond 4.5 hours for students enrolled in an AP class. Not all school work must be completed in one sitting.

In the meantime, I do have the following updates and tips to share:

- **AP Testing:** please refer to the [message from the College Board](#) regarding how Advanced Placement testing will take place this spring from a student's home.
- **Social-Emotional Learning:** please see communication crafted by our school counselors, Siri Bendtsen and Mary Mortell Ferrone, and school psychologist, Dorey Delikowski, that [provides advice around caring for your children's \(and your own\) social emotional balance](#) during this most interesting time.
- **Social Distancing Tips:** Lara Beranek, our school nurse, [provides some clarity around safe social distancing practices](#) that we are all working on using daily, as well as teaching our children.
- **The Rosholt Food Pantry** may be contacted if your family requires assistance. [Please visit its website.](#) Use of the Food Pantry is completely confidential with home delivery available. Call Dawn at 715.570.3045 for assistance.
- **Additional online resources that can be used for instruction/enrichment:** feel free to [peruse this resource list](#) created by Tammy Louison that links to several websites and home learning experiences.

I will share information no later than Friday, March 27, regarding next week's lessons, meal program and library book check-out. We will be mailing out hard-copy instructional activities to students (not all students will receive).

In closure, I saw this message online and wanted to share because it made me smile. I believe it sums everything up that we are all experiencing in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### To all the parents...

...who are trying to keep up with work while trying to help their child stay focused on their students at home while also teaching them the meaning of social distancing and how to wash their hands for 20-seconds while singing "Happy Birthday" so that you can hop on that video conference call and hope that the kids don't start fighting or need your help so that you can finish up in time to make it to the grocery store before it closes early so that hopefully you can find at least one roll of toilet paper and be back in time to make dinner and put your kids to bed, all while managing your own stress and anxiety about everything that is going on right now and - oh yeah - there are still bills to pay, dishes to wash, laundry to fold and the next day's lesson to prepare. **You are doing awesome!**

Rosholt Parents: We love and support you; we'll get through this together. Our school district is here to support your children and our community as we forge forward #RosholtProud.

Sincerely,

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