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Hello Parents/Guardians of Martha Currie Students,

We have just completed week one of our new reality, and we are in a good place. We respect that there is still much anxiety out there as parents learn to add to your daily plate, but please know that we are all in this together. Not only is our staff going through a learning curve to figure out how to teach in this new way, parents and guardians are going through your own learning curve in implementing everything. That is a big part of why we have asked our staff to start gently, as they get their programs going. We want to give a huge thank you to our teachers and support staff for the incredible amount of behind the scenes work they have been doing to get everything rolling.

By now, all classroom teachers have reached out to all their students. If you have not yet replied to the teacher, please do so asap. We need to know that you have received their message. Please note that teachers may be reaching out by phone, and their calls might show up as "Caller Unknown" or "Number Blocked". If you can't find anything from your teacher, please either email the teacher or one of us. Emails can be found on the Martha Currie website.

While we are not advocating for any company, we want to share that Telus has a new program that "provides eligible families with the tools and connectivity they need to succeed." If you feel you might need some support, please contact Telus or go to:

<https://www.telus.com/en/about/company-overview/community-investment/how-we-give/cause-campaigns/internet-for-good>

We wanted to also update you on the events that would normally happen at Martha Currie.

We have cancelled the following:

- Spring Fair
- Spring Concert
- Gr. 7 Quebec and Camping trips
- Hot-Lunch
- Popcorn Days
- Book Fair
- Ultimate
- all April field trips

We have postponed the following:

- Ready-Set-Learn
- Class Photos

We are really missing our students! We've had so many conversations with staff members who say the same thing. We don't know how long this will continue, but we are thinking of your kids! As we've mentioned before, this is a historical time, but once we get into routines and patterns, this will be easier for all of us. Until then, please take care.

Sincerely,

Bobby Samra and Rachel Ladd
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)