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Hi PS7 Middle Families,

I hope you are doing well! I cannot believe we are one month into our first quarter of the 20-21 School Year and into our Distance Learning program. Thank you so much to our PS7 Middle families for their flexibility and adaptability to our Distance Learning program. I am so proud of the hard work of our PS7 scholars and staff!

As we planned for our Distance Learning program, it was so important to us that scholars had daily live interactions with their teachers and peers and participated in daily rigorous lessons for all content classes. As a result, our distance learning program mirrors the physical learning environment as much as possible. Scholars follow a structured bell schedule and participate in all of their classes each day just as if they were on campus. The live instruction and live office hours allow for consistent peer interaction and enable teachers and staff to deliver the optimal level of support. Our goal with Distance Learning was to adjust our teaching and learning methods, but to continue to support our scholars on their journey to achieving our mission.

We have had so many successes from just our first month of our Distance Learning Program! Our PS7 Middle scholars are consistently logging into their live lessons and we have seen attendance improve tremendously over the course of the first month of the school year. Our teachers are planning rigorous, standards based lessons to ensure they are preparing scholars for their End of Year State Assessment. We have prioritized parent communication through daily phone calls to absent scholars and our weekly newsletter that we emailed out. In addition, progress reports are mailed home every two weeks.

As we get into the second half of the quarter, it is so important that your scholar continues to log into all of their live lessons. Attendance is just as important now as it is in the physical school environment. At the end of this quarter, your scholar will take their Quarter 1 Benchmark exams. We are so excited to see our scholars show everything that they have learned in their first quarter of Distance Learning!

Next Wednesday, September 9, we are celebrating the hard work of our PS7M scholars for the month of August. If your scholar is earning an award, you should have received an email with specific details about our awards pick-up. Please stop by from 2:30-4:00 pm on September 9 to pick up your scholar's award, an ice cream treat, and talk to teachers. Masks are required and social distancing will be in place. We hope to see you there!

We are continuing to receive guidance from the Sacramento County Public Health Department and will keep our families informed. We are planning to finish Quarter 1 under our Distance Learning model. Thank you for continued support and partnership. I am so excited to see the great work of our PS7 scholars as we move into the second half of Quarter 1. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PS7 Middle School Front Office at 916-649-7856.

Sincerely,
Priya Singh