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Good Afternoon LHS Families,

I wanted to reach out to all LHS Families before my weekly list of announcements to ask for your help as well as to communicate what your students' week should look like. I have asked all of the staff at LHS to continue to provide the best education for all of our students. I know that request comes with significant hurdles compared to years past, but Laramie High School is up for that challenge. Our teachers are changing, modifying, and creating new ways to teach the essential concepts of their classes, and every day we are learning better ways to do it. This is where we need your help. During the students' virtual day, your child is expected to log into CANVAS and/or complete assignments before they have their next in-person class. I can't apologize enough for the miscommunication of calling these days "off days", they are not, and in fact, these days are vital in many classes to ensure student success. During the virtual lesson or assignment it is okay for students to have questions or not fully grasp the concept(s) presented. These questions are the catalyst for discussion and tools for teachers to support specific needs that students may require more clarification on when they are in-person. Additionally, there may be classes that are still refining how to change in-person lessons to online. These teachers continue to work on having their lessons split for in-person direct instruction and online discovery learning. I also understand that some students are more comfortable working online than others, and that some students are overwhelmed with work while others feel there are not enough assignments. Unfortunately, this is a problem that education will continue to face in person or virtually since our students have strengths and weaknesses in different areas. Teachers will continue to make appropriate adjustments as they get to know the students in their classes.

We are also continuing to refine how to support the individual needs of our students with the time we have built in on Friday mornings by identifying and communicating with students what needs to be done, so they can find academic success. On Mondays and Tuesdays teachers have been asked to meet with students and get a plan together for the student's success. If appropriate teachers are to invite students to school on Friday morning (7:55a – 11:45a) for additional in- person support to either take exams, complete assignments, or just meet to understand the topic at hand. We are strongly hoping to use this time on Friday as an opportunity to *Recover Credit* before we need to do *Credit Recovery*.

If you ever have any questions about what is going on in your child's class, please reach out to their teacher. If you have any questions about what we are doing here at Laramie High School, or how we are continuing to modify supports for students, please reach out to me or any member of the LHS Admin Team. I will still send out my weekly communication on Friday with any new and up-to-date information.

I apologize for the length of this letter; however, it is of the utmost importance to me as an administrator, educator, and parent that I communicate all of the things we at LHS are doing to provide for your child's education in our non-traditional environment as well as seek your partnership in this uncharted endeavor.

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