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Dear East Central High School and Sunman-Dearborn Middle School Parents:

We completed our first day of e-learning on Monday, and now our first day of live, synchronous learning on Tuesday. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we worked through some technical difficulties.

As we move forward with our instructional plan, I want to take a moment to reframe the perception of e-learning. E-learning is what we experienced in the spring. Assignments were posted to Google Classroom, and students were able to work on their assignments at their pace and convenience. As a community, we were dealing with many unexpected issues and all working together to make the best of it. E-learning provided the flexibility we needed.

With the pandemic continuing on eight (8) months later, we have learned from our past experiences and have had to adjust and improve.

Through the end of this semester, when students are home, they will not be participating in e-learning, but rather **remote learning**. In remote learning, live synchronous instruction is occurring, teachers follow their regular bell schedule, and attendance is taken. Teachers are at school, and students are at home. This requires a partnership between our teachers, staff, and parents. Thank you for your partnership while we implement remote learning for the next five (5) weeks.

Please take a moment to read through some very important updates:

Group A and B

Students with the last name starting with A-J will be in Group A. Students with the last name starting with K-Z will be in Group B.

Group A Monday/Wednesday/Friday - remote learning,
Tuesday/Thursday, traditional learning at school.

Group B Monday/Tuesday/Thursday - remote learning,
Wednesday/Friday, traditional learning at school.

Any parents of blended families, with students in both Group A and Group B are encouraged to email the school principal or your student's counselor to make arrangements to place all members of the same household in the same group.

Mifi Update

We received a very large number of requests for Mifi units. Several additional arrived today, and more are scheduled to arrive tomorrow. Our Technology Department is working quickly to issue a Mifi unit to every family who requested one. It will likely be the end of this week before all Mifi units are issued.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "A".

Andrew Jackson
Superintendent