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Hello AMS Families,

We hope that you and your family are healthy during this unusual time. While you may have already read Dr. Carnemolla's correspondence, we wanted to add a few items from AMS:

### **Engagement / Daily Schedule**

Engagement looks different in a blended learning environment. Students engage with prerecorded mini-lessons, or "live" via Google Meets and Chats. This is different from the conventional school model many of us are accustomed to. Still, engagement is key in any learning environment. Therefore, we ask that our students engage with their learning during the times designated in our [remote learning plan](#), and a little on off times. Our schedule offers students access to their teachers daily. During designated times, teachers are available for questions, and teacher directed instruction, as described in Dr. Carnemolla's correspondence. Having a student check in daily is a good way to keep him or her engaged and connected. Teachers will remain flexible with work and announce their teacher-directed instruction via Google Hangouts in advance. Though, without our students checking in regularly, it is difficult for both the student and the teacher to move forward.

In respect to the reality of what our homes look like today, we know check-ins may be difficult at times. I am writing this outside, not because I am taking advantage of the sun and much needed vitamin D, but because each of my family members are inside engaging in their own learning and teaching, and there is no quiet place in the house to work. I am sure this is a familiar scene for many of our families. It's okay, we are living the same scenarios in our own homes. We are all in this together, and all we can do is the best that we can.

### **Attendance**

Also, if your child is ill, please email our attendance clerk, Beraya Rosa-Moquele [AMSattendance@avon.k12.ct.us](mailto:AMSattendance@avon.k12.ct.us), to let us know that they will not be participating due to illness. Our hope is that this inbox will stay empty, though we know it is needed at this time.

While our school day may look different, our commitment to our students and families does not. Our goal is to provide the best education possible for all of our students. We know that all of our families are dealing with different situations, fears, and concerns. Please remember that we are here to help however we can. Do not hesitate to reach out to your students' teachers, school counselor, and administration with any questions you may have.

Stay well,

Dave and Kristina