



Our **vision** is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that inspire a community of learners

WELLNESS • EQUITY • ENGAGEMENT

Our **mission** is to develop engaged, well-balanced learners through collaborative, caring relationships

A-B Families,

As we close out another week of our students being away from us, I wanted to take an opportunity to wish you all a good weekend. I hope that you can find time this weekend for a break from the stress of daily life and spend some "down-time" with family.

Last night we presented our Distance Learning Plan to our school committee. I have posted the segment of the meeting that was focused on the learning plan for our community to view. The total presentation, including the Q&A portion of the discussion is about one hour long. It may be helpful in gaining a deeper understanding of what we will be rolling out in the coming days.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBXhLyZeqIU>

We know that we cannot design one plan that fits each of our families' needs perfectly and I would encourage you to make decisions with your family that are right for you in these challenging times. As we have spoken with our teachers, our phrase of choice is "expectations, with compassion." We know that each of us has a different situation and our students and families are capable of engaging at different levels, at different times.

For the weekend, I would leave you with two quotes attributed to the Dalai Lama that I think are appropriate for these challenging times:

*"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."*

*"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."*

Be well.

Sincerely,

Peter Light

Superintendent of Schools