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Dear Dighton-Rehoboth Families,

Hoping that this communication finds both you and your family safe and well.

With the closing of schools for the remainder of the school year by Governor Baker, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released new guidance for remote learning for school districts (attached). This new guidance deemed "Phase 3" builds on the initial guidance released on March 26th and focuses on two areas:

- Further defining the recommended elements of a quality remote learning program, including a focus on teaching the content standards most critical for student success in the next grade level.
- Encouraging districts to move all students towards successful engagement in remote learning, with a focus on addressing fundamental needs.

As we continue to develop more opportunities for our students during school closure, a third phase of our remote learning plan has been developed based on guidance from DESE and in collaboration with various stakeholders including administrators, DRRTA, paraprofessionals, and parents. On Wednesday, 5/13/20, we will begin our third phase of remote learning for students. Key components of Phase 3 include:

- The advancement of curriculum based on essential standards provided by DESE
- The addition of voluntary teacher "office hours"
- Providing direct, virtual services for students as appropriate

Please find a detailed description of phase 3 attached. With the addition of optional video conferencing, we ask that you review the expectations for participants in the phase 3 document as well as the attached disclaimer.

We continue to work with DESE, neighboring districts, and myriad stakeholders to continue to address questions that remote learning and school closures pose. Collaboratively, we can support our students during this time with a focus on health and well-being and by offering a robust remote learning experience. Please be sure to continue to monitor emails for updates from school and district staff.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Anthony C. Azar**  
Superintendent of Schools  
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*The mission of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, in partnership with parents and the community, is to provide students with the tools, including technology, to acquire knowledge, apply skills, critically analyze information and issues, and develop social responsibility.*

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