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To the students and families of the International High School at Lafayette,

Our highest priority at this time is your health and safety during these weeks. Although we are changing to online learning and support for at least the next few weeks, I want each of you to know that we are still here to support you in any way that we can.

First, starting on Monday our dedicated teachers will be reaching out to each of you, mostly via Google Classroom. Your teachers want to be certain that you continue to learn, develop language skills, and prepare for college during this time. In addition to Google classroom, they will be using a variety of different ways to help you keep learning. Most will be doing remote conferences with Google Meet or with Zoom as well as providing online resources and links. If you do not have internet and/or a device such as a computer or a tablet, please contact us immediately, and we will see how we can help.

Next, in addition to your intellectual growth, we also want to be sure that you are physically and emotionally well. We will be reaching out to you in a variety of ways, but if you need anything, please do not hesitate to let us know. This includes questions around food, health, economic support, immigration issues, and housing. We cannot always help with everything, but we will do our best to put you in touch with the resources you need. Additionally, calling 311 about services is also an option and provides translation in multiple languages.

Finally, during this time of uncertainty, we at IHSL want to extend our appreciation to the family members who are supporting each student in our school. Times like this remind us all of the importance of community, and only by working together and supporting one another can we truly be healthy and successful.

Again, we are here for you! Please call or email with anything that you might need.

Sincerely,

Jon Harriman