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The BASD creates a learner-centered environment and engages students in meaningful interdisciplinary experiences that cultivate the development of future-ready citizens.

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to say thank you for the feedback that some of you have given the administration. It is important to keep the lines of communication open. Parents have shared personal stories. Some parents are home and want their children to have as much schoolwork as we can provide. Others have shared that both parents are working, and their children are with grandparents who have little to no understanding of iPads. Therefore, they ask to have as little schoolwork as possible. Some parents have shared that they are, "stressed to the max" because they are working through their own concerns with the unknown of the "Shelter in Place" order. In the letter that I sent to you last week, I shared that education in the home is not a regular 7-hour day. Our goal is that BAES students will work 1-2 hours per day, BAMS students work 2-3 hours per day, and BAHS students work 3-4 hours each day. This workload suggestion considers the many different home environments in our community. Our goal was to provide flexibility while maintaining effective education practices under these unique circumstances. There is one thing that I want to emphasize to all parents and their children. We are asking for a "Good Faith Effort" with the work that is assigned each week. Please don't stress about the schoolwork, just try your best. We are all in this together. The administration has listened to parents and has developed a fair system for moving forward with educating our students. Parents, if you need help, please ask. We will do our best to help you.

Thank you and stay safe.

Tom