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Dear Gateway Families

The Texas Education Agency granted all school districts the ability to provide additional planning time for teachers and school staff by providing up to 5 remote learning days during the 2020-2021 school year. Our campus has been approved for 2 days for the spring semester by the TEA. These days are:

Monday, March 22nd

Monday, April 5th

It is requested that students in grades K-12 stay home on these days to participate in remote instruction. Staff members will provide asynchronous instruction in all grades and will use the day to receive additional professional development, update grades, prepare lesson plans, update Blackboard, and prepare for engaging students in our current hybrid model. No live Zoom instruction will be provided on these days. We will still provide supervision for students who can't be supervised at home, but the students will not be with their teacher in K-4.

K-4 teachers will provide learning materials through Blackboard. Teachers will communicate if there is a material pick-up option for classroom materials. There will be a recording explaining how to complete the work. The work will be done asynchronously. Students can meet attendance requirements by submitting the exit ticket or classwork per teacher direction by 11:59 pm on the remote day. If you can't provide supervision for your child at home or do not have an electronic device, we will provide supervision at school. However, your child will not be with their classroom teacher.

Students in grades 5-12 will follow instructions from the teacher in Blackboard and complete their assignments. There will be a recording giving instructions on how to complete work. All the asynchronous days are B days so students will engage in work those days for periods 5-8. Students can meet attendance requirements by submitting

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the exit ticket /schoolwork per teacher direction by 11:59 pm on that day. All students in these grades will participate remotely whether they are at school or at home. Students in grades 5-8 who do not have supervision at home will be provided supervision, but will participate remotely in the library.

All students who are on campus will be given the option to purchase a sack lunch if they didn't bring a lunch from home. We will collect lunch orders for students in need when they arrive at their designated area.

This is a reminder that students in grades 1 and 2 will not be allowed to campus on May 11th or May 12th. Gateway College Prep will be giving the Math and Reading STAAR to grades 3 - 8 on those days and need the staff and classrooms from 1st and 2nd grade in order to administer testing. Grade 1 and 2 students will participate in asynchronous learning on those days.

We appreciate your support as we try to give our teachers the time they need to prepare engaging and challenging lessons for their students. We are dedicated to preparing your students for the college that is right fit for them. We believe that this preparation time will make the educational experience better for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Boorman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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