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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As you know, Superintendent Bearden has suspended school for next week. March 16th – March 20th. We will be notified by Thursday of plans for the following week. While certainly not ideal, we are thankful that we can continue to teach and learn even in the midst of such challenging times. ***ITsLearning***, the online learning system we have used so effectively during inclement weather days, will now be utilized for extended periods during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis.

Unlike the inclement weather plan, where teachers often post all assignments at one time for several of missed days of school, this new online learning experience will be different, as instructors are expected and have been trained to provide individual lessons *each day* that we are out. **As such, it is vital for students to understand that the expectation for them has also changed.** They will need to log into their ITsLearning accounts EACH DAY to obtain their learning materials and to complete assigned activities in a timely manner. While students do not have to log in at the exact time of their actual classes, they should do so during the hours of a regular school day, which for us at Central is between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

We are certainly aware that utilizing technology can provide challenges of its own. When that occasion arises, teachers will certainly be flexible and willing to work with students. However, we do not want anyone to use this as an excuse not to complete daily work on a regular basis, just as we don't want teachers using that, except for the occasional glitch. Ultimately, our plea to all involved is for a little grace and understanding.

As I shared before, I am so grateful to work in a world-class school system. I feel equally blessed to work with such fantastic parents, students, guardians (and even some grandparents) as you. The C-House is truly the *Heart of Forsyth* and we will, as a family, get through these trying times together. It will simply require that we work together with *empathetic* hearts, *patient* attitudes, and a *flexible* approach to this strange new world!

Sincerely,

Mitch Young