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LETTERS FROM PRINCIPAL DEIGNAN

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Dear DV Community,

Another online week is coming to a close. I just wanted to check in with everyone before the weekend starts. Hopefully, good things are in the works for your weekend as we all try to navigate this international crisis together but apart. Please continue to urge your students to engage with their classes and teachers each weekday as these next 5 weeks progress. There is much learning to be done, and encouragement on the part of our parents/guardians is key to the success of this model. Thank you for working with us on that.

For our seniors, the [communication from Superintendent Mendivil](#) earlier this week and a follow up [email from Assistant Principal-Academics, Stacy White-Nielsen](#) reiterates the continued efforts to keep senior related issues in the forefront. Our [DV Counseling Department](#) is ready and available to address any questions or concerns as well.

To that end, counseling sent out information a few days ago on a [virtual college exploration week](#) next week that would be time well spent for any student looking ahead past high school with over 300 colleges participating. Additionally, we received a [message from College Board about the SAT](#) that takes the June 6th test off the table, but looks ahead at future options that ought to meet the needs of our Thunder students in the fall.

Finally, I want to publicly thank all of our parents and guardians who are working so hard to adapt to the new normal of working, schooling, and co-existing at home 24/7. No one signed up for this, and although there are many joys of forced togetherness, it can also bring stressors that were previously nonexistent. I believe we will come out on the other end of this stronger and more cohesive when all is said and done. Take care. Be safe. Enjoy your weekend!

Mr. D.