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Dear Families,

As we complete our second week of distance learning, we want to thank all of you for your support, your time and your willingness to try something new. We are all in this together.

Our team here at PPSD has been listening to feedback and making recommendations to improve the distance learning experience for our students. One suggestion is to establish some best practices for participating in online learning community—particularly conference calls that include webcam access. Please see the norms below:

- Make sure your student's virtual classroom set-up is one that supports their learning. Sounds and images in your home may be picked up by the webcam, so we encourage you to be thoughtful about the space in which your child is working. Students also have the option to "mute" their mics or add a picture to their profile instead of a live camera.
- We know students are most engaged when they're able to sit up, access their materials comfortably and have limited distractions. Students should be dressed with the expectation that others may see them.
- Using a microphone is akin to being called on in class. Students should keep their mics on mute unless they are speaking.

Thank you for working together to make ensure Providence students can continue their education during the COVID-19 crisis.

Sincerely,

The Team at Providence Public Schools