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Dear Atonement Families,

Greetings on this second week of Remote Learning! On the school side, we were pleased with last week's rollout. Mr. Creech and Mrs. Powell shared with me that 100% of our students uploaded at least one assignment for their teachers. A small handful of Middle and Upper scholars turned in assignments for some teachers but not for others. Mrs. Powell is following up with these families this afternoon.

Several of you sent notes sharing your appreciation for our simple and straightforward approach to Remote Learning. Thank you. In designing it, we intentionally avoided a program that would tax family dynamics in a time of stress or require children to spend the majority of the day in front of computer screens. Remember that we are on standby to assist you if you still have questions.

We are all wondering what the coming weeks and months hold. I wish I could tell you! Currently, our campus closure is scheduled through April 17, the end of Easter Break. Recent statements from the president and his advisors, as well as our own mayor's aggressive response to the pandemic lead me anticipate that we may need to extend the closure further. For now we are waiting.

While we wait, the administration is looking ahead. Next year's academic calendar, slate of activities and events, handbooks, and book lists are all being finalized. The Atonement Academy is a school with a future, and it will take more than this to stop us.

Stay steady, Crusaders.

Our Lady of the Atonement—pray for us!

Your servant,

Matthew David Watson

Head of School