### Greetings DTE Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start to the new school year! We appreciate your support as we learn to navigate this new normal. 

Please see the updates and reminders below.

## Materials and Supplies/Textbook Distribution:

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We truly do miss each of you! For the remainder of this week, Wednesday-Friday, parents may come to the school from 8:00 a.m. to pick up supplies. Please come to the side entrance of the school, on Court Street. We will check your temperature and only 5 parents will be allowed in the building at one time during this hour. Please make sure you have fully completed registration before coming to pick up supplies. If this is not complete, you will not be able to pick up student materials. Please login to your parent portal in Power School to ensure this task has been completed.

Additionally, we are waiting on Reading materials to be delivered to our school. Once we have all materials, we will set up additional times for parents to come pick up those items.

### **I-Ready Testing:**

Tomorrow, your boys and girls will begin I-Ready testing. I-Ready is a diagnostic assessment that helps to tell us what our babies know and what they don't know. It is not graded. It is a tool that teachers use to learn how to best serve your children. We ask that you allow your children to take the assessment without any help or coaching. Teachers need to be able to use the information to best serve your children. Please see the parent resources that help to better explain the assessment. The video is really great!

### i-Ready Support:

A variety of video resources are available for families to help you get good diagnostic data from home. View this <u>FAQ</u> & <u>one-pager</u> for start-up/login info.

- Introducing the Diagnostic: English | Spanish
- Administering the Diagnostic: <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u>
- <u>Student video</u> describing the Diagnostic and helping to prepare students for testing at home
- Family Fridge Tips Checklist for administering the Diagnostic at Home: <u>English</u> | <u>Spanish</u>

# Allowing Students to Work Independently & Technical Support

Although we are in virtual school right now, it is imperative that students are allowed to work independently. We are asking that parents allow their boys and girls to be taught by their teacher without the assistance of parents. Please refrain from including yourself (or other adults) in the child's TEAMS frame. Your boys and girls are super smart, and we want them to be able to show us just that, independently!

If you are having technical difficulties, please call the office at 901-416-8400 and we will submit your request to the appropriate district personnel.

We have included a back to school flyer and the Virtual Code of Conduct for Parents. Please see the attached information for your convenience.

Thank you for your time and attention. Have a great day!

