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Dear Parents and Guardians-

Orchard Place has continued to monitor the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus. You will continue to receive regular Orchard Place Campus via email as the situation evolves. These updates will continue to come via email at this time. You can also reference all parent communication on the Campus page of the Orchard Place website at:

<https://www.orchardplace.org/services/orchard-place-campus>

1. Late last week, Tom Ahart, the Des Moines Public Schools Superintendent, released a statement that school would not be resuming in-person for this school year. Here is the link to that statement: https://www.dmschools.org/news_release/statement-superintendent-end-school-year/.

The Campus Principal, Gail Soesbe, is working with the campus school personnel to devise an educational plan for campus youth. This plan is still in development but will be shared with you as soon as its complete. In the meantime, campus youth, grades 4-8, will be receiving educational packets of work from the district as soon as this week. Youth will be provided with the opportunity to work on these packets during scheduled study times. Additional plans are being devised for high school youth.

2. Today the campus personnel began wearing face masks at all times. Staff are allowed to wear cloth masks or the disposable type mask. The campus is seeking your help in securing enough cloth masks for every campus personnel to have at least two (280 masks). If you know how to sew masks or have friends who do, please share our need with others. Masks can be coordinated for drop-off through our Front Desk at 515-287-6781.

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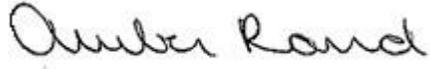
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These are unprecedented times for everyone and can be challenging to navigate. We encourage you to continue to utilize your own self-care plans and social support systems. As always, your child's therapist or building supervisor are available to discuss your concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Amber Rand in black ink.

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