Student Support and Social-Emotional Learning:

All students and families will be able to set up a Calendly appointment [here](#) with Dean Rob during our distance learning time. Contact is limited to online school hours, which are 9am-4pm. Communication will be conducted by google chat and/or Google Meet-up as well as Zoom. Family members who wish to speak with Dean Rob should also set up a Calendly appointment. As students are accustomed to walking into my office to chat or emailing me to set up a time to have a longer conversation, we will move into doing this remotely while we are on our distance learning protocols.

Every student will also have synchronous advisory time every day from 8:30am-8:45am. They will use this time to check in with their advisors as well as their classmates in their advisory. Advisory will continue to be a time where advisors check on a student’s academic progress as well as get a gauge on how they are feeling.

We are working on creative ways to offer after school clubs and other activities virtually/remotely for students to connect with each other and continue to build relationships with each other in a communal way. Yearbook Club will definitely continue remotely and we are building other clubs that can work toward being a positive reinforcement of the Billings Core Values and a continuation of our school culture - The Billings Culture of Kindness.

All School Meeting will continue via video while we are out of the building. If you have segments you want to add to ASM, please contact Rob ASAP. Thanks!!

Academic Support:
Students are able to access academic support by connecting with Greg Smith, Director of the Learning Center, during the drop-in time or they can request a time to make an online appointment (zoom or google meet-up). GregS@billingsmiddleschool.org

Personal Support:
We will continue to be available to students and families for consultation, short-term support, and strategies or referrals to mental health resources as needed. This means we can help you determine how to solve a problem or situation and can support you with seeking outside professional help. We will reach out to some students we have worked with in the past to track their needs.

Mental Health Resources:
Families may also reach out to [Washington’s Mental Health Referral Service for Children and Teens](#). Consider contacting your student's primary care provider, a parent/guardian's employee assistance program, or a student's insurance company.

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1 (800) 273-8255.
- Crisis Connections: 1 (800) 427-4747
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741 741
If you are in immediate concern for someone's safety, call 911. They will send professionals to do a check on the person's welfare.

Disclaimer:

Billings Middle School has made every effort possible to secure all channels of communication, however, there may be times when we need to communicate through unencrypted electronic communication (i.e. video conferencing, email or phones). This may present a risk that material could be read by a third party, and therefore we cannot guarantee confidentiality. By using these forms of communication, you are indicating that you understand this risk and agree to proceed remotely.