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Dear Grand Peak Academy Families,

D49 recently announced that all schools will be returning to eLearning on Monday, November 9th. Grand Peak Academy will also transition to eLearning (Streaming School) for Kindergarten through 8th grade starting on **November 9th**. We are planning for this transition to last until the end of 2nd quarter - **December 18th**. This was a very difficult decision, as we love seeing students in our building every day. To be clear on how COVID-19 is currently affecting our school, we have 20 GPA staff members in quarantine, 1 D49 staff member that works in the building in quarantine, 4 GPA staff members out because their child is quarantined, and 359 students in quarantine. Should conditions change in our area, we will be quick to let you know if we can bring students back to in-person learning sooner than December 18th.

While our students are learning virtually, our building is still open. As staff members are released from their various quarantines, they will be back in the building to teach from their classrooms. We value community and find that we are stronger when we have our fellow colleagues around during a time that can feel isolated.

As our District Superintendent stated, "Surging infection cases from the community flow into our schools, creating quarantines that deplete our on-site staff, and in-person learning shuts down. Our schools are losing stability, and community conditions are beginning to compromise safety. The next several days will be confusing as all of us experience what many have already gone through, the short-notice transition to virtual learning. Learning will be disrupted, and all of our work will be impacted." With that being said, we thank you for your patience, understanding, and trust with this decision. We are more prepared for eLearning than last Spring and ask that you allow us to walk forward together with respect, care and our shared commitment to delivering excellent education in a stable and safe environment.

Sincerely,  
Grand Peak Academy Leadership