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Good Afternoon, Parents/Guardians,

As we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child, we are deeply thankful to all military children for their courage and resilience in the face of adversity. The current situation with COVID-19 has presented new challenges but, to nobody's surprise, our military children are handling every change with confidence and grace. We also honor you as their parents for instilling and fostering such outstanding values in your children.

As we continue to monitor how virtual learning is working and based on your feedback, we have made adjustments to our digital learning structure and content. We have standardized the approximate amount of time to be spent on daily instruction, which includes virtual face-to-face sessions and assigned work, with the focus of decreasing screen fatigue. In addition, we are designating Wednesdays as a day in which we want to minimize the screen time for both students and teachers. Teachers will provide students assignments for Wednesdays that do not require screen time. We are asking teachers to focus on essential learnings. Teachers will provide parents a preview of the essential learning tasks for the week on Mondays. Students will have until the following Sunday night to turn in the essential learning tasks. This will allow parents who are working and/or have multiple children additional time to support their children. With the increased options and flexibility, it is our hope we will further support the instructional needs of our students and families.

As COVID-19 continues to impact the nation, we are constantly reviewing our services and supports hosted by our schools. One aspect of this is the school student meal program. We will continue to keep you informed about any updates and/or changes that may result from the spreading of the pandemic.

We are most proud of our students during this Month of the Military Child. Take some time to show your spirit and Purple Up to celebrate. Feel free to share your best Purple Up pictures with your school and District Facebooks this month, especially on April 15th designated as DoDEA's Purple Up Day. Many thanks for all of the support you continue to provide our students!

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