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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds both you and your family doing well and staying healthy. Please rest assured that our school district is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, and we continue to be steadfast in our resolve to provide current and ongoing information regarding your child's learning and opportunities for continued academic success.

Learning environments change. Virtual learning has gained increased attention; however, when used in or outside the classroom, opportunities for virtual learning should be characterized as a robust learning experience that feels like a classroom experience, offering the traditional classroom characteristics (like instructor-student interaction, Q&As, discussion, games, collaborative projects, quizzes, etc.). Achieved through a Learning Management System (LMS), these important learning environments create the level of interaction and engagement students need.

Charlotte County Public Schools has launched Canvas, a Learning Management System, in all schools, grades K-12. Canvas bundles assessments, grading, state standards, instructional materials, messaging, learning data, and more—while keeping everything simple and in one place. Canvas provides a wide range of easy to use tools for teachers, students and parents. It will foster communication between your child and his/her teacher in the event of Covid-related quarantines from school, and it will allow your child the opportunity to continue his/her education by continuing access to assignments and curriculum your child would be receiving were he/she physically present in school. In addition, it will allow our teachers and students to use our 1:1 technology more efficiently and more effectively.

For more information regarding Canvas, please visit our district's website at [yourcharlotteschools.net](http://yourcharlotteschools.net) and look for this Canvas icon on the home page:



Parent and student resources in Canvas are available by clicking on this icon and visiting the Canvas homepage. For specific information on how your school is preparing your child to use Canvas in and outside of the classroom, please contact your school's principal.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cheryl LaPorta Edwards". The signature is written over a horizontal line that extends across the page.

Cheryl LaPorta Edwards, Ed.S.  
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