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Dear CTECS families, students and staff,

Many questions have been asked over the past several weeks about best practices when distance learning, and how to keep students engaged when this is the method of teaching and learning that is required. Specifically, questions have been asked about camera use, which is what I want to address in this message.

CTECS' expectation when students are distance learning is that they turn their camera on when their teacher asks them to. It is critically important that we continue to create a sense of connection, classroom community, and simulate in-person instruction as much as possible. Plus, when a student turns their camera on, it's easier for teachers to make sure they are engaged and following along, or see if students are confused by a topic. This helps us hold students accountable and improve instruction.

To increase privacy during classes, students can customize or blur the background of their screen, and turn the microphone off so noises in the home are not heard.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal. As always, thank you for your support.

Jeff Wihbey, Superintendent