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Dear MPSF Friend,

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, many of you have reached out asking how you might help those in need weather these difficult times. While the toll of this crisis is difficult to imagine, there are still meaningful steps we can take to lessen its impact.

Our teachers have continued to work hard during these unfortunate circumstances in order to keep our students focused on their education goals. Understanding the difficulties for teachers, families and students, we're asking those who are able to support the Mesa Public Schools Foundation special initiative designed to meet the many needs families are experiencing due to the pandemic.

With schools currently closed, Mesa Public Schools shifted to an entirely remote learning plan for 65,000 students. But that shift has highlighted a deep disparity in our community: a digital divide that limits technology and internet access. And that disparity is especially prominent in Mesa's underserved areas.

While Mesa Public Schools has committed to distributing laptops and internet connection to many families, a significant gap remains for the rest of the school year into summer, depriving teachers of their ability to connect with their students.

**[Your donation](#) will help bridge the digital divide for Mesa students at risk of falling behind their peers by connecting them with the teachers who are helping them succeed.**

We understand this is a difficult time for everyone. No one is immune from this virus or the effects it's having in our state and our city. If you want to help, consider supporting students here in Mesa to help keep this health crisis from turning into an educational crisis.

Thank you,

The Mesa Public Schools Foundation