1. BUILD CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS AND PARENTS
Developing relationships at a distance takes time and effort but it is well worth the investment. Make a schedule to call every student and parent on your caseload to introduce yourself and establish a human connection.

2. USE ALL AVAILABLE CONTACTS TO REACH NON-RESPONSIVE STUDENTS
Struggling students are often the most difficult to find and the most vulnerable. Use emergency contacts or ask older classmates to help with well-being checks or to pass along messages.

3. LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD
Technology can give struggling readers access to grade-level content in the classroom or at home. Encourage your students to take notes with speech to text, organize their thoughts by cutting and pasting text into knowledge maps or show their mastery of content in different formats like podcasts.

4. MODEL TECHNOLOGY TO EMPOWER STUDENTS
Not all students have access to technology at home or remember how to use it. Demonstrate each accommodation to avoid inequity and create resource FAQs or videos to remind them how it is done.

5. GIVE STUDENTS ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CONTENT
With schools and libraries closed, it may be hard for struggling readers to find appropriate reading material in user-friendly formats. Promote equity by giving all your students access to grade-level content with the Learning Ally Audiobook Solution, a proven accommodation that accelerates learning.