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Dear CSS Community,

I hope that this communication finds all of our families healthy and that you and your children are managing to find joy during this stressful time. Our staff and administration have been gathering resources to support learning and fun in your household. Know that we will continue to share information regarding this school closure as soon as we receive it to minimize misinformation and rumors.

All of our CSS teachers have been working hard today to prepare valuable lessons and resources for our students in addition to distributing assignments to parents. Students have begun accessing their assignments online and we are beginning to learn from the experience. Our students are amazingly adaptable internet users and have already learned to use Google Classroom to chat with one another. While we understand our students' desire to connect, please let your children know that they should only be sending messages to their teacher during online learning.

We are also mindful that not all families have access to the internet in their homes. Charter Cable and Comcast have announced that free internet (and installation) will be available to any families of school aged kids for 60 days. Companies are also opening internet hotspots for public use free of charge. Information is available by clicking on the links below:

[Spectrum Free Internet](#)

[Comcast Free Internet](#)

If you know of a family that may be in need, please let me know and our ESUSD team will reach out to provide support.

There are a plethora of educational resources available for students and adults, many of which are offering free access for the duration of school closures around the country. Here are a few that we shared with faculty.

- Libby/Overdrive for electronic or audio books using your library card [ES Library Link](#)
- ES Library Resources [Link to CSS Library Page](#)
- BrainPop
- Freckle (Grades 3-5)

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- CalSNAP <https://media.lacoe.edu/Home.aspx> There are many resources available to our students here, including BrainPop and Kahn Academy
  - Login: center
  - Password: student
- [Vooks parent resources](#)
  - [Week 1](#)
  - [Week 2](#)

Many parents came to school today to pick up assignments and resources for their students. Although our school is closed, Mr. Olesiuk and I will be in the office tomorrow. We will facilitate the pickup of assignments, books, ChromeBooks, etc. until 12 noon. After that time we will not be accessing teachers' classrooms. Please arrange a pickup time tomorrow morning with your child's teacher via email.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of this very supportive community and know that you will all be there for one another throughout this challenging time. I hope that you find the time to read together as a family, play board games and card games, enjoy time outdoors and cook with your children. Please feel free to contact me via email at [mmonahan@esusd.net](mailto:mmonahan@esusd.net) and remember that your children are resilient. They are Cougars and Cougars CARE!

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