Superintendent’s Reflections

Hello! All of us in Center Line Public Schools miss all of you. We have been working hard to make sure that we can continue to serve all of our students in the virtual environment. We have already passed out hundreds of laptops, and we will deploy additional units this week. We continue to pack and serve thousands of meals every Tuesday and Thursday.

On Monday, I spent the day in virtual meetings with principals and teachers from all levels as they planned to interact with their students and provide instruction. This was powerful.

This week your child’s teacher invited your child to meet with them and shared with them how to safely and appropriately navigate the virtual environment and how to work within Google Classroom or Schoology.

Please remind your child that school is back in session, and they are responsible to participate and complete their assignments. Our staff is ready to do what is necessary to support and encourage them so that they can continue to learn over the next several weeks. Teachers have been training in the Google environment since schools were closed. They have prepared to guide and instruct students and are ready to get your children comfortable in the virtual realm.

This is a challenge for everyone, but it is one we are ready for, and we are anxious to get back into the learning groove.

If you have not completed our technology survey, it is important that you do so this week because we want to ensure our students have what they need for learning. Additional critical information with specifics will be posted and e-blasted this week.

Be safe and please join us in helping your child get connected.
Virtual Learning Plans

Earlier this week, Superintendent Kaltz sent an email outlining CLPS’s virtual learning plan for the rest of the semester. The letter is also posted on our [website under Coronavirus Updates](#). See below for an overview of how much time your child should spend at “school” daily.

**Instructional Guidelines**

Beginning April 20th, weekly instructional goals, lessons and tasks will be posted by 8:00am on Monday mornings in Google Classroom (elementary, middle and some high school classes) or Schoology (high school). Students need to log in to their online classroom on Mondays to see their schedule of learning sessions and assignments. Students will be engaged in learning following the recommended guidelines below.

**K-1**
- 30 - 60 minutes a day of student engagement (150 - 300 minutes weekly)

**2-3**
- 45 - 75 minutes a day of student engagement (225 - 375 minutes weekly)

**4-5**
- 60 - 90 minutes a day of student engagement (300 - 450 minutes weekly)

**6-8**
- 15-30 minutes a day of student engagement per class (75 - 150 minutes weekly)

**9-12**
- 20-40 minutes a day of student engagement per class (100 - 200 minutes weekly)

It is not expected that a task is given every day for every class/subject, but these time frames will be kept in mind over the week. For example, a writing task may be given that would be worked on over several days. Students could be provided guidelines to work on it each day but would have flexibility in their schedule to complete prior to the next mini-lesson or Google Hangout. Special education and additional supports will be provided in addition to the recommended guidelines.

Daily learning time can include activities such as the following:
- Recorded mini-lessons, read-alouds, demonstrations, etc. (direct instruction)
- Google Hangouts - related to weekly instructional focus
- Reading and reflection
- Writing
- Tasks and learning activities/projects
- Online videos and resources
- Discussion boards

Your child will have certain times they should be meeting with their teacher/class online. Each school has posted its own virtual instruction schedule on its website. You can locate it on each school’s website under Academic Support (except the high school, where it is under Academics).

**Not sure how to get to your school’s website?** Go to [clps.org](http://clps.org) and click on SCHOOLS:
Tech Assistance

Now that kids are going to have online instruction, some parents are feeling like fish out of water! Never fear—this is a new venture for all of us, and we will likely hit some bumps in the road. Teachers and kids alike are trying new technology will find that some things work better than others. We should all just breathe deeply, share questions and concerns, and adjust. We've included a few how-to's here to get us all started on this new, sometimes intimidating but very exciting learning path.

For those of you who like to be shown what to do, Mr. Flanigan made this how-to video. Check it out at https://youtu.be/IfEiB3vESFc

Help! I Can’t Log In!

If students have trouble logging in to their Google accounts, they should contact their teacher. Teachers can check to make sure you are using the correct password, and if you are not—they will contact Tech Support to reset the account.

Most teacher emails are their last name plus their first initial, and then @clps.org. For example, a teacher named John Smith would have an email address of smithj@clps.org.
Sign Up for School News on Your Phone

Good news! We have started to use the School News app by Edlio, an activity feed for alerts, news, and events for each Center Line school. It’s a simple way to view your school website’s news feeds and calendars and also receive push notifications directly from us.

It’s free to download to your iOS or Android phone and quick to set up:

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “School News by Edlio” to install.
2. Open the app and search for the school; tap “Add School.” If you have kids in other Edlio-powered schools, add them to the app, too.
3. Enable push notification by going to the Alerts tab and tapping “Enable Notifications.”

All of the news and events posted to our websites are posted here for easy access. You can also add multiple Edlio-powered schools and/or districts to gather all news, events, and alerts in this one app. We’ll send push notifications out to keep you updated on urgent news.

Want to be able to see the news from all of our schools? Instead of manually adding each school, add “Center Line Public Schools” - the district site. Then use your “filter” to toggle on/off the schools you want to track:

School News App QUICK START GUIDE

Hello families! Your school has been added to the School News app by Edlio. It’s a simple way to view your school’s news feeds and calendars, and also receive push notifications directly from the school.

Install in minutes:

1. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play (scan the QR code above or search “School News by Edlio”).
2. Search for your school and add it to the app.
3. Enable push notifications and filter news and event categories.
Virtual Library Access

Don’t forget - your child has access to free eBooks, online tutoring help, and other resources that will give your student a leg up in school! Center Line Public Schools, the Center Line Public Library, and the Warren Public Library are working together to meet the ConnectED challenge, which encourages libraries to collaborate with elected officials, school leaders, and school librarians, to create or strengthen partnerships so that every child enrolled in school has a public library card.

Your child’s virtual library card was created this past fall. Each student’s barcode consists of the letters CLS + the student’s Center Line Public Schools ID number. The student’s birth month and birth date is the password. For example, a student whose ID is 0243157 with a birthday of May 31 would have a Barcode of CLS0243157 and a password of 0531.

The virtual library cards gives your child access to the following:

- **Tutor.com** - connect to a professional tutor online to receive help with difficult homework problems (12 pm-12 am every day)
- Electronic reference sources including encyclopedias that can be used for writing school papers
- eBooks and eMagazines
- Use of the library’s public computers featuring Office applications and internet access
- Ability to register for library programs and reading clubs

Students are assigned to the library in the city where their school is located:

Teachers, you are eligible for a virtual library educator card as well for use at the Center Line library! Contact Sue Pauling if you are interested.

Log in to your library today!

**Center Line Public Library**
Phone: 586-758-8274

**Warren Public Library**
Phone: 586-751-0770
[www.warrenlibrary.net](http://www.warrenlibrary.net)

Teachers—there are resources for you as well! Check out the Michigan eLibrary/MeL databases. They are super user-friendly and don’t typically require login info. “MeL” also provides a lot of support and tutorials for educators ([https://mel.org/educators](https://mel.org/educators)) and even offers professional development/free SCECHs via webinars that go over some best practices for using the databases.
Stay Mentally Healthy

We recognize that this has been a very stressful time for children, parents, families, and school communities. Our staff, including school social workers, counselors, and school psychologists, are available to help with resources. There is contact information on each school’s website. Please reach out to your child’s teacher or building principal if you would like any assistance from our mental health support staff. We also list many resources—physical, academic, social, mental health—on our district website. You can find information on place to find additional food, free and reduced Internet, information on Coronavirus, online learning sites, and more! Make sure you take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbor. And, if you need help, ask. We’re all in this together, and together we can do it!

Bilingual Updates

Our English Language Learner department under the leadership of Laurenne McDougall has arranged weekly video chats with Bengali and Arabic translators to provide school closure and coronavirus updates and a question/answer session. You can also contact Ms. McDougall mcdougalll@clps.org for translation assistance. Watch for future calls on our Facebook pages or the district’s website calendar!

Did you know that you can subscribe to the district’s website calendar? Or to your child’s school calendars?

You can subscribe to any of the calendars here.

Calendar events that you can join will include the link information.

Here you can choose which school calendar(s) you want to view.
https://foodfinder.us/ is a mobile and web app that gives families a way to find free food assistance programs quickly.

Feeding the hungry since 1975, the Macomb Food Program provides immediate relief to those in need of food through a network of more than 50 pantries and hunger relief organizations.

Gleaners' distribution site map provides information on food pickup events hosted in our area:

FREE LUNCH to GO
Please enter the Main Lobby on the North side of the building.
Wednesday & Friday
11:30 am—2 pm
Sunday
1 pm—3 pm

Forgotten Harvest will be at Warren City Hall from 10 AM until 1 PM every Monday for the next six weeks to provide free food packages for unemployed needy Warren residents. They will have up to 750 packages. No contact as they will put the food packages in the clean trunk of your car. We have Warren volunteers to help out every Monday. Go to the south parking lot for the food distribution!
The Week in Review is published every Friday during the school year.

Submissions are welcome and encouraged; email your pictures and news to Sue Pauling at paulings@clps.org. Let us know how and what you are doing!

**Attend Our Virtual Community Coffee Conversation**

Our scheduled Community Coffee Conversations will go virtual this month! Use the following number to participate in a Google Hangout conversation with Superintendent Kaltz and district administration on **Monday, April 27 at 9:00am**. This month’s topic will be transitioning to online learning.

Join by video [meet.google.com/htx-rras-ryi](meet.google.com/htx-rras-ryi) or by phone: 413-758-2929 / Meeting ID: 465 594 998#

**Submit a Senior Shout Out**

We would like to celebrate our seniors virtually! We are proud of our Class of 2020 - #2020SeniorStrong! Parents and guardians, please submit a Senior Shout Out to recognize your students at this important time in their lives. **To participate, send a picture and a sentence or two about why your senior is special to social@clps.org.** We will post them on social media and on the Center Line High School Facebook page in our Senior Shout Out album. You can also submit your shout out to Fox News by visiting [https://www.fox2detroit.com/seniorshoutout](https://www.fox2detroit.com/seniorshoutout)

**Take the US 2020 Census**

It matters! You count! It’s important that every household in America participate. Click the blue logo for more information. Click “Shape your future” to go to the Census website.

[Shape your future](https://www.census.gov/2020census/)