



DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Empowering all Learners

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Dear Dover School District Parent and Guardians,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you additional information pertaining to the closure of the Dover School District for the period of March 16 through March 27. The greatest impact that we can have as a partner is the enforcement of social distancing, and while we understand the significant disruption this causes, we believe it is better to be proactive now than reactive later.

All students will continue with their learning. The District recognizes that direct teacher instruction and learning with peers is the most desirable learning model. School principals and classroom teachers will be preparing, assembling, and sharing a multitude of remote learning activities and opportunities for instructional continuity to take place while the schools are closed. The most important factor to consider is that it will not look like the type of learning that you are used to seeing. Remote learning is not necessarily online learning and the remote learning will vary depending on the grade level of your child.

Our expectation is that students will participate in these creative and innovative activities so that they can continue a learning routine while they are at home. Teachers will be in contact with students throughout the remote learning period. There will be more detail communicated to the remote learning as it pertains to elementary school students, middle school students, and high school students. On Monday and Tuesday, educators will be preparing the remote learning activities and the District will communicate details following the planning days.

All students should maintain some type of routine schedule. In order to stave off social isolation and the effects it has on mental wellness, work with your child to maintain a routine for learning. For example, have them wake up at a reasonable time, attend to learning through the morning, allow some down time and scheduled time for lunch, and then return to some learning during the early afternoon. However you structure it, work with your child to stay on a schedule. Further, encourage video chats and phone calls with friends and relatives to help keep their social sense.

Students who require assistance with meals will be served. The District is involved with partners to determine how to support to the students qualifying for meal assistance. While we don't have an exact start date, we appreciate the urgency and will begin support as soon as possible.

All schools will be inaccessible. Currently, our target date for return is Monday, March 30, but the Dover Schools will be closed until that time. We will be in constant contact with our families and faculty through the period of remote learning with updates and recommendations, and the District will certainly work to provide ample notification should our return date change.

Respectfully,

William R. Harbron, Ed.D.
Superintendent