

HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hopewell Area School District Elementary Families,

Beginning on Monday, March 16 and extending at least through Monday April 13th, the Hopewell Area School District is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes school activities, field trips, and facility usage. At this time, all field trips, activities or events in the month of April are also cancelled or postponed.

Our elementary schools are planning to continue instruction through a couple of learning opportunities: the Classroom Dojo learning platform, and/or Google Classroom, beginning on Tuesday, March 31st. A weekly learning plan for each grade level will be posted on the District's website on Monday mornings throughout the closure. Our instructional staff will also be in communication with families to provide learning assignments, to monitor student progress and to offer assistance, in any way we can. Learning activities will be designated as required or extra practice/enrichment. Please make every effort to complete the required activities. Extra practice/enrichment will be at your discretion.

Digital tools, such as Lexia, Freckle, and others, will be utilized. If you experience any technical difficulty, please be in communication with your child's teacher, so we can assist with a resolution. If regular and reliable access to technology is a concern, please let us know and we can either provide resources or discuss alternative learning activities with your child's teacher. We will work something out!

For students who receive special education instruction and supports, your child's case manager will continue to work with you and your child's teacher to plan learning activities. More information regarding related services and accommodations will be forthcoming.

The primary means of communication between parents and teachers is via the school website, school email or apps such as Dojo, Remind, or See Saw. Teachers will be available to digitally respond from the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We recognize that family situations related to child care, work schedules, technology access, and other factors may impact a student's availability. Families and students are encouraged to communicate any questions with teachers and all questions will have a response within 24 hours, Monday-Friday. Please remain in open communication with your child's teacher and our staff, so we can work through any concerns. Additionally, third quarter grades will be provided in coming weeks.

Educating our students with Purpose, Passion, and Pride!

As a reminder, the District provides lunches and breakfast to students under the age of 18 between 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Junior High. Beginning March 24, we will also have a pick-up location at Independence Elementary during the same hours of 11 a.m-1:00 p.m Monday through Friday.

We appreciate all that you and your child will be doing over the next few weeks as we work through these uncharted waters together. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school for any needs you may have during this time. The building administration will be available by email throughout the duration of the schools being closed.

As we move forward please know that you are all in our thoughts, and we know that our Hopewell community will rally so that we can get through this together and be even stronger! Please remember to stay safe, stay healthy and let our youngest Vikings know we miss them!

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