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# School District of Sevastopol

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Dear Parents,

We are living in a truly unprecedented time. Information and direction from our state government as it pertains to schools have been changing on a daily, if not hourly, basis. As you can imagine, this moving target has made this situation even more complex to navigate.

Our number one priority has always been and continues to be the education of our students. We have plans developed to best meet the needs of our students. While we will work to provide for our students' ongoing learning, we hope to reach out and maintain what contact we can with them. Efforts like providing meals and continued access to school counselors are available (their contact emails are at the end of this letter). One thing that hasn't changed, is the fact that educating your child(ren) has been a partnership between our teachers and you. At this time, we will need to rely more heavily on parents or caregivers to be sure that students continue to grow academically while away from school. We will be providing the information, coursework, and tools for delivering the lessons. For optimal success, it will be necessary that you or someone in your household provide the structure and support to be sure lessons are implemented. You can count on our staff to assist you in this process.

While we will do our best to anticipate potential pitfalls and roadblocks, this is new to all of us and it will take everyone working together to make it as successful as it can possibly be. If there are questions, please ask your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Please be patient as answers in some cases may take time to develop and so answers are reliable and consistent.

Our original plan for the remainder of this week was to have staff meet and develop lessons. Just yesterday, Governor Evers changed that plan by limiting the number of people able to be in a location to less than 10. Additionally, we planned to return for regular classes on April 6. The Governor's new target date is now "indefinite". These are factors that we need to consider as we continue to develop plans that best meet the needs of your child(ren).

*What we do know at this time:*

**Elementary to Grade 6:** We will begin having teachers share lessons that you can start with your child(ren) when they are ready. The goal is to have every classroom provide work no later than March 27, so that grade-level teams have time to collaborate. Families without internet access and/or a means to print materials please alert your classroom teacher so we can mail materials to you. One of the pieces we are working through will be the return of materials to our teachers. Once we have a clear plan in place, that will be shared with our families – *do not wait to begin the work*. A top priority at this time, regardless of the grade level, is reading. Have someone read daily to your child(ren) or ask them to be reading on their own.

**Grades 7 to 12:** Our goal to provide high-quality learning experiences for your child(ren). Our original timeline to start remote learning on **Monday, March 23 has changed**. As mentioned above, the Governor's order extends our school's closure, we



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now realize that we are not just planning for 13 days. Instead, remote learning will be an essential part of our learning plan and we need to ensure a successful transition. Due to the complexity of learning tasks for older students, more time is needed to collaborate and design meaningful instruction, therefore we will begin on **Monday, March 30**. You will start to receive daily agendas, with active links, that will take our students to English, math, science and social studies lessons. We will use next week to contact each student and make sure they have connectivity. Teachers may provide some supplementary activities next week, but please encourage your child to read a good book and be ready for Monday, March 30.

Uncertain times are a cause for confusion and frustration. Our staff will continue to be available and if anything is needed, do not hesitate to contact us. If you or your child would like to talk to a counselor, please email them and they will contact you directly. We are all here to help our children.

Thank you for being a partner in your child's education. While learning remains our priority, so does the safety of our students, families, and staff. Sevastopol is an amazing community to serve and we are confident that together we can successfully navigate this uncharted terrain.

Sincerely,

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