

March 15, 2020

Dear SLCS IB Campus Families,

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support while we work through the rapidly changing circumstances of this unprecedented events occurring in our region. I cannot thank enough my administrative staff for your teamwork as we have worked collaboratively to make decisions that rapidly changed over the past few days. Our teachers have been both flexible and steadfast in supporting our decisions to keep student learning at the forefront of trying to keep things normal. We will be relying on everyone, teachers, parents, administrators to work together to support students in the next few weeks if we are to keep learning moving forward.

Below are a few questions with answers to help provide information regarding our plans for the next two weeks:

Q: How does this closure effect the SLCS IB Campus Calendar?

A: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has state that "no school district will be penalized if it fails to meet the 180 day or school hours requirements." Spring break remains a part of the calendar as is and will take place April 9, 2020 to April 13, 2020. We do not foresee a change in the end of the school year, though we will not be able to make a final determination until are schools are open and we have greater clarity from the state.

The IB Campus will be canceling all field trips for the remainder of the school year and all extra-curriculars for the last trimester including baseball and softball. We have rescheduled the Junior-Senior Prom to June 12, 2020. If students who already purchased tickets cannot attend the prom on the new date, a full refund will be given. We are still planning to hold graduation on June 16, 2020.

Q: When will meetings be rescheduled?

A: All parent/guardian meetings, including IEP, Kindergarten Registration, school meetings, etc., will be rescheduled once School Lane reopens.

Q: Should students continue schoolwork over the next two weeks?

A: The IB Campus team will be spending the first four days developing meaningful learning experiences for your children to do to continue their learning as best they can while at home. On Friday, March 20, 2020, teachers will be sending daily lessons for students via Schoology with the first assignments due Monday, March 23 and then 24 hours after each posted assignment thereafter. More information regarding the structure of the online learning experiences will be sent separately.

Q: Will the school work be done online? What if we don't have access to computer/internet?

A: Yes, some of the tasks we will ask students to do will require access to a computer and internet. For those that do not have access, we will be working on an alternate plan that we will rollout as well this week. Comcast is offering free 60 day internet for low income families during the outbreak with a self-install kit. To sign up, you can visit www.internetessentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376 (English) or 1-855-765-6995 (Spanish).

Q: Can we go into the school to pick up academic work?

A: No. As of today, the message from the Governor's office is that all buildings are closed to all employees. We will contact families should we be permitted to open the building for a short period of time at some point.

Q: My child has medicine that is at school, what should we do?

A: Please contact your medical provider and/or insurance carrier for instructions on how to request a refill. Again, the message from the Governor's office is that all buildings are closed.

Q: How can students who rely on school lunch get food?

A: Children can enjoy delicious free breakfasts and lunches provided by the Bensalem Township School District Food Service Department. The district will utilize its Summer Food Service Program eligibility through a waiver from the State to serve children 18 years and younger during this closure. A bagged grab and go breakfast and lunch will be available at the below locations from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm beginning on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 (Monday through Friday) through March 27th. Absolutely no application is necessary! Meals are completely free and anyone is welcome to come to the designated locations. Vegetarian options will be available. **Children must be present to receive meals.** Please see BTSD website www.bensalemsd.org for locations for pick up. If you live outside the Bensalem area, please check your local school district for food service program offerings on the school district's website.

Q: What is happening in the buildings while school is closed?

A: During the two weeks SLCS buildings are closed, we will performing a very deep cleaning of the entire building. This means we will be using a CDC recommended cleaners for COVID-19 on all desks, chairs, shelves, lockers, doors, tables, handles, tile floors and carpets to assure a safe return for all students.

I realize there are many more questions to be answered and likely many new questions that have not even been thought of yet. We will be doing our very best to communicate with you proactively. You can expect an email and post to our website and Schoology with details regarding remote learning by Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Again, thank you for your support. Stay safe and well.

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