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LEARNING, GROWING, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear SJE Families,

I know this has truly been a difficult week for our families. So many changes happening in such a short amount of time. In this last week, school administration and faculty have worked together to prepare plans for our local students and families. The plans include the following:

1) Lunches

Initial lunch signups occurred during the week of March 16th. If you have not yet signed up and would like to, please refer to the following information. "Grab and Go" lunches will be made available for all children 0-18 years of age. Lunches will be distributed at the school site and on our bus routes starting at 11:00AM on Monday-Thursday beginning the week of March 23, 2020. For Endicott lunch orders, please contact Lorraine Salzman, lsalzman@sjeschools.org or (509) 657-3523, ext. 107. For St. John lunch orders, please contact Peggy Curtis, pcurtis@sjeschools.org or (509) 648-3336, ext. 123. Regina Simon (rsimon@sjeschools.org or (509) 648-3336, ext. 104) will be supervising the "Grab and Go" lunch delivery system should you have further questions about the program.

2) Student Supports Online and Paper Packet Supplemental Learning Materials

P-12 staff members will be providing supplemental/resource learning materials for all their students. Materials will be made available via email and paper packets. Supplemental materials will begin the week of March 23, 2020. Classroom teachers and school counselors will be working to ensure that all students are supported and have what they need to be successful during this time away from school. Weekly check-ins can be expected by email or phone. Paper packets will be delivered at the time of lunch drop-offs or will be mailed directly to the student's home. Special emphasis is being placed on our graduating seniors to ensure they have the content they need to meet their graduation requirements.

3) Technology

Chromebooks/computers are being sent home to all the families that indicated a need on our survey. Mr. Hallenius is working to see that our students' technology need are being met. Chromebooks/computers will be delivered at the time of lunch drop-offs/bus routes or pick up at our two sites in Endicott and St. John. Deliveries of Chromebooks/computers will begin the week of March 23, 2020. If your student is still without a Chromebook/computer, please contact Stephanie Dennis, sdennis@sjeschools.org, who is helping to coordinate this effort for both our districts.

4) Staff Availability

All staff and administrators are making every effort to be sure they are available to support our students and families in a variety of means such as email and phone communication.

Staff are being asked to follow the work guidelines established by Governor Inslee's office and the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. These efforts will play out as some on-site and off-site (working from home) work. These guidelines have been changing weekly, so we will need to have flexibility.

5) School Year Extension

In connection with the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, we are learning that our school year will likely be extended until June 19, 2020. More information will be forthcoming in the next weeks.

6) Questions

Email and phone messages will remain the best ways to communicate with staff. Staff email addresses are simply the first initial and last name followed by our standard school address: @sjeschools.org. For example, Superintendent Suzanne Schmick would be sschmick@sjeschools.org. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Our goal is to provide weekly updates via email, school website, and Facebook. We appreciate your patience as we work to understand the full implications of the statewide school closures. Stay strong, we will get through this TOGETHER.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Schmick, Superintendent
SJE Cooperative Schools