

# BLUE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Parents and Guardians,

This past week has been unprecedented. Under the direction of the Nebraska Department of Education, students will begin eLearning from home on Monday, March 23, 2020. Health experts will determine if/when we are able to reopen, reassessing the situation, every two weeks.

As we move forth with eLearning, I am reminded of a few quotes that have helped guide me and the high school staff during this time.

**You can neither lead nor manage change, but you can lead and manage the process.**

Moving forward with eLearning is a change that none of us were prepared for to happen so quickly. What I do know is that we can manage the process of learning as we transform classrooms to look different than a traditional classroom setting. In the next few days, expect your students to hear from their teachers via email in regard to what the next few weeks will look like. Some students and staff are already communicating, and eLearning has already begun. Please go to <http://www.bluehillschools.org/staff> to get the contact information for all of our staff if you have questions for individual teachers or staff.

**If you spend all your time aiming the rocket, you will never launch it. You have to launch the rocket and then steer it in the right direction in the air.**

Oh boy! This is so true! Schools that have not been online, are now launching to be exclusively online. Family dynamics are changing as well. I am a parent, so I understand. I understand that there are many issues and hurdles to figure out before Monday. Parents and teachers are trying to figure out daycare. Students may have to work at their actual job to help out or might even be in charge of their siblings. This is our reality. These are just two of many issues. One thing I seek out from staff and students is feedback. Feedback is not always what I want to hear, but when I hear it, it helps me redirect what I am doing to better help the staff and students. The same is true for students and parents. Make sure you and your students are communicating with our teachers and/or myself. Adjustments will need to be made on all ends of the spectrum and we want to make sure we are taking into account all of the variables that may come up.

General Patton said it best, when he said, "Don't tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results." We will get through this together.

Respectfully,

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