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Date: March 25, 2020

Greeting USD #471 Students and Families:

The purpose of today's communication is to share more details about your education for the remainder of the year. The USD #471 Staff have been working hard preparing for the rollout of the continuing education model mandated by the KSDE.

- **USD #471 teaching and learning** will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020. High Schoolers please pay daily attention to your email and the Cardinal Express Packet/Lunch Delivery Service for specific details from each of your teachers; they will use a variety of approaches to educate you. While your experience will vary from class to class, teaching and learning may be a combination of live and/or recorded virtual instruction and communication, project-based learning, physical activities, video sharing, reflective activities, packet completion, etc. We DO NOT want to stress you out, but we also want to be sure to complete your learning of essential outcomes. We will do our best, please join us in doing the same. We realize it is not possible to accomplish everything with limited preparation time and direct access to you! We have cut back curriculum.
- **Teacher Availability:** All of our teachers, counselors, and administrators will be available, beginning March 30, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Obviously, for your core teachers, the best time to contact them is during your scheduled class time. Also remember, they will be available at the end of the day from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Thank you, in advance, for your patience while you wait for replies to phone calls and emails. If your teacher does not reply to your questions please contact the office at 620-876-5415 and we will help you make contact.
- **How to contact your teacher:** Contact your teacher through school email, phone calls to the school, phone calls to their cell phones, and during online ("live") teaching sessions. Teachers will "be available", daily, from 8:00-3:00 p.m. during their non ZOOM times. More information will come directly from your teachers when we begin instruction. Some teachers will use apps/programs like Seesaw, Zoom, and Google Meets/Hangout to communicate. **Be flexible and stay connected by paying attention!**
- **Dexter Schools Office Hours:** Beginning Monday, March 30th the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (620-876-5415)

- **Schedule/Structure:** Beginning March 30, 2020 we will implement the schedule in the packet for zoom classes and the Cardinal Express Packet/Lunch delivery service. We know it can work because it avoids conflicts in your class schedules. Although the times are different, it is like our "master schedule" this semester with no conflicts.

- **Things to notice about this schedule:** shorter classes, accessible teachers, all teachers will have "office hours" designated and those will be communicated directly to their students. Anytime they are not teaching live they are expected to be accessible from the hours of 8:00 to 3:00 or after if needed. We want to make it where you can easily access teachers to get help outside of class time when you need it

- **Lunch: ALL STUDENTS** (really, any child ages 1-18) are eligible for delivery service. As stated in the packet we will begin delivery of these lunches on Monday, March 30, 2020. The Cardinal Express Packet /Lunch delivery service will run between 11-1. We will deliver lunch to our students and also use this as a homework currier service as well to exchange items back and forth with your teachers.

- Access to our school buildings are not allowed at this time. I am sorry about this; we absolutely miss not having you around.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE WITH YOUR COOPERATION!

We understand it is impossible for some of you to even access wifi. For those students please try to get to a hot spot, for those that cannot get to a hot spot please communicate to your teacher. They will switch to packet learning and utilize the Cardinal Express to get work back and forth. We will work with everyone, even those who do not have wifi.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS make sure you stay connected with your teachers through you school email and do not hesitate to call if we can help you with anything. Parents do not hesitate to visit with your child's teacher as needed.

We sincerely miss having YOU, OUR STUDENTS in our hallways and classrooms!

Hang in there, WE CAN DO THIS... Go CARDINALS!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H.B. Criss".

Mr. Criss and the entire USD #471 Staff

USD #471 Dexter Schools has worked hard to make sure they have communicated with parents appropriately. Along with the letter in your packet, please keep the remainder of the packet as “FYI” in case it is needed. As always, we are just a phone call away as well.

Plans for the entire district (Elementary School, Middle School, and High School) will continue to be evolving and a work in progress, and teaching and learning will vary greatly from class to class. Superintendent of Schools/K-12 Principal K.B. Criss said.

Teaching and learning will be a combination of live (ZOOM, GOOGLE HANGOUTS, GOOGLE MEETS, FACEBOOK MESSENGER) instruction for Middle and High School students, and recorded virtual instruction and communication via the online platform SeeSaw for Elementary students. Students at all levels will also have project-based learning activities, physical activities, video sharing, reflective activities and packet completion learning.

The Kansas Department of Education has recommended daily time engagement in online classes be differing for each grade level. For example, students in grades six through 12 are recommended to engage in online classes for MAXIMUM TIME of three hours per day. The highest of any grade level. USD #471 Dexter Schools has decided the online class time will pertain to core subjects Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

The graphic below shows the students' class schedule that begin on March 30, 2020.

CLASS SCHEDULES: Dexter High School/Dexter Middle School Zoom Schedule (CORE TEACHERS)

STAFF	8:00 – 8:25	8:30 – 8:55	9:00 – 9:25	9:30 – 9:55	10:00 – 10:25	10:30 – 10:55	1:00 – 3:00
	ZOOM 1	ZOOM 2	ZOOM 3	ZOOM 4	ZOOM 5	ZOOM 6	GOOGLE HANGOUT
J. Young	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	Algebra I	Geometry	Fund. Geometry	Algebra II	AVAILABLE
S. Joyce	Geog./KS History	Government	American History	OFFICE	OFFICE	OFFICE	AVAILABLE
G. Anderson	English II	English III	English IV	English I	OFFICE	OFFICE	AVAILABLE
A. Wise	Adv. Biology	Earth/ Space Sc.	Biology	OFFICE	Chemistry	OFFICE	AVAILABLE

Remember online lectures or instruction with teachers may only last 5 to 10 minutes with students working on self-guided learning packets or project-based learning the rest of their class period, but all of us felt it was important to “touch base” and check in with our students on a daily basis.”

HANDS ON CLASSES will be a MIXED BAG

Obviously, some classes will be more difficult to move to online learning than others. Students in "HANDS ON" classes such as, Music, Band, Physical Education, Woodworking, Welding, Wood Art, Metals, Machine and Tool Technology, and other classes will be doing a variety of things to "finish up" this semester. Students could be given videos, packet learning, assigned activities, daily exercise assignments, daily instructional videos, and in some classes even coming in and finishing up their projects adhering to the 10/6 rule. No more than 10 in a group and students must stay 6' apart while completing the projects. We know our kids take a tremendous amount of pride in finishing up their projects for Mr. Kuntz's industrial arts classes. For some, it is therapeutic to work on these projects and accomplish their goal of finishing them. Our students really enjoy working on these projects.

Pared-down curriculum

We acknowledge and have emphasized to parents' teachers will not be able to cover all of the curriculum they normally would if they were teaching students in person. KSDE has recommended "LESS IS MORE" and we will follow that guidance. We do not want this to be an additional stressor or to cause additional anxiety with our families. Times are hard enough and there is plenty of uncertainty out there right now....we understand everyone's situation is different. We do not want to add additional worries.....Our folks have done a tremendous job of working with kids in every way possible to make this manageable. There is no way we will expect this to replicate the expectations we have in our normal brick and mortar setting, but we will do the best we can. We simply cannot do as much with this method as we have been able to do in the past.

Accountability

Accountability will be a challenge. This situation is so different than it was a few weeks ago. We need to be there for our kids and support our families. We will try to identify what skills and outcomes are essential. We want to focus on kids being successful with this. Some teachers will assign grades, some will simply assign Pass/Fail. Grades will be assigned at the end of the semester. Grades will be based on the first half of the semester that was spent in school and then the work completed in the coming weeks. For those that assign grades, we have to really be careful on how this can/will impact the GPAs for students who will be returning to school next school year. I anticipate little graded homework would be assigned in the coming weeks.

Seniors

Seniors last day of classes will remain the same. We have been more focused on getting everyone started and back to learning that logistics and details need to be worked out. 100% of our students are on track to graduate. At the upcoming board meeting we will discuss with the board about following the KSDE suggestions, which suggested school districts, which require more than the state's required 21 credits for graduation, lower those requirements to the state standard. This would allow our Seniors to just continue with their Senior Government and Senior English classes and any college and/or vocational classes they are enrolled in. It would allow for all other classes that they were enrolled in to be forgiven and just reduced to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a credit for the entire year. We will work on this once things are established and off the ground. Right now, we just need to make sure our kids are OK. As I said earlier these are hard times for adults, I can't imagine how it is for kids who can no longer go to prom or participate in Spring extracurricular activities.

Teachers take the lead

USD #471 teachers will be as flexible as possible to meet the needs of our students. Our teachers have been very involved in the planning process for continuous learning. We started planning and discussing this when we were on Spring Break after the state made their announcement last week. All of our teachers have given input and have been given plenty of flexibility within our framework to do things they are comfortable with. Were we all a little stressed? YES! I am sure everyone across the State involved in education is. I would honestly say we were more disappointed than stressed...We love our kids and I think most of our staff just wanted to let our students know how much we missed them and that we absolutely hated that they were not coming back in the building, that there was not going to be a Prom, no Baseball, no Softball, no Track, no "last day of school". Those are big things around here as they are in most small communities. We understand we are all in this boat together, but those things still sting for all of us and particularly sting when you think about them in regard to our Graduating students.

Questions

We want to encourage students and parents to continue to ask questions about the new learning model. Contact the school via phone during the hours of 8-4 on Monday thru Thursday or contact your child teachers directly via email or phone. Please continue to check the districts website www.usd471.org and our district Facebook page.

School lunches

Delivery of lunches to all students will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020. We will be delivering lunches with the learning packets to all students. Those students who did not request lunches will just be visited on Monday's to deliver work and pick up work that needs to be turned back into their teachers. If you signed up, the lunches will be delivered daily from 11 to 1. Once we run the route a few times we should have your times narrowed down to a much smaller window. Also, any child age 1 to 18 can pick up a lunch from 11 to 11:30 at the South Door of the Commons area at the School. Lunches will also include a breakfast item for the next day as well. See attached pages for delivery route drivers and contact information.

Internet access for families without

The district conducted a survey of families, which included questions about internet access. Most of our surveys indicated most families in the district have access to internet. For those that do not, we are working with SKT and other local providers to see what we can do. SKT has opened up a local hotspot for free at their office in downtown Dexter. We also understand that there are some students that simply cannot get internet even if they wanted it because none is offered in the remote areas in which they live. Please understand our teachers will work with these students and turn to a more traditional "packet learning" curriculum for your students. No one will be left out and grades will not suffer because of students not having access to internet. If you can access the internet, it makes it easier for everyone and mitigates the number of items that have to go back and forth and lessens the chances of spreading the COVID 19 virus. USD #471 will continue to work with local internet providers on low or no-cost options for families without the service and cover those options until the end of May.

Special Education

There is a plan in place for paraeducators to provide assistance for students and teachers. Teachers will continue to provide the accommodations as best they can to meet the needs of our students. Please see the attached letter from our Special Education Director, Mr. Ron Sarnacki. If you have questions related to Special Education services please reach out to myself or your child's teacher directly. We will make sure they will receive the support they need to be successful with this.

Picking up personal items at school

Elementary items will be scheduled and delivered back to them from their teachers, along with a note of "what's next" to prepare them for the rollout of the continuing education program. Middle School and High School students can come on Thursday, March 26, 2020 to pick up their items, visit with their teachers, and check out the technology needed to complete this semester. Students that cannot make this date can come in the following week by arranging an appointment through the office at 620-876-5415. Remember school starts Monday!!!!

Counseling Services

Academic/Social/Emotional counseling services will be available if needed for any students. Please contact the school at 620-876-5415 and ask the secretary to put you in touch with the guidance counselor's office. Leave your name and number if no one is available and they will be reach back out to you when they receive the message.

Cowley County Special Services Cooperative

1317 Wheat Road

Winfield, KS 67156

620-221-7021

620-221-2977 (fax)

March 23, 2020

Dear parents of students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP):

On Tuesday, March 17, Gov. Kelly announced the closing of all school buildings across the state. However, learning will continue for Kansas students. Kansas school districts have been reaching out to their families to let them know that educational services will be provided and school lunches and breakfasts will be available for all children ages 1 – 18. All schools must follow the guidance, policies, and procedures from their local county health department.

As part of this plan, IEP providers are collaborating with other professionals during the week of March 23 – 27. School professionals are adhering to the Center for Disease Control requirements for proper spacing and using virtual meetings to develop Continuous Learning Plans for every student. Educational and related services for all students are scheduled to begin on March 30th. Your child is important to us - Coop staff will be part of the team effort during this unprecedented time to assist you and your child.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate to you what services for students with an IEP could look like. Due to restrictions limiting proximity to others and the number of individuals who can be in one place at one time, educational services will be different for all students, including students with IEPs. This is how the plan will move forward for students with IEPs:

1. Each school district will determine educational services for its students.
2. Special education staff will provide support services for students with IEPs.
3. Your child's IEP provider will contact you - please expect to hear from them in the near future.
4. It is anticipated that services may include forms of online learning, learning packs and/or related supplies.
5. IEP meetings will all be conducted by internet or phone (no in-person meetings).

If you have questions about services during this Continuous Learning Plan period, please contact your IEP service provider. If you need assistance beyond that, please contact one of the Coop administrators listed below.

Sincerely,

R Sarnacki

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COWLEY 1 ROUTE

Beth Pudden 620-660-2505

KG	Paisley Additon
KG	Ellie McFarland
KG	Stockton Rhodes
2	Remington Rhodes
2	Trace Thompson
4	Max Bergman
4	Tiah Hummer
4	Kinsley Rhodes
4	Madyson Snow
5	Parker Carr
5	Kyson Henley
5	Ashtyn Pulliam
5	Jesyn Vogeale
6	Briley Riddick
7	Dante Henley
7	Shawn Hearn
7	Kayden Smith
7	Daniel Snow

7	Jake Vogeale
7	Madisyon Wood
8	Micah Brown
8	Kimberly Carr
8	Kyli Daniels
8	Matthew Priddy
8	Paige Smith
9	Olen Brown
9	Hadison Hale
9	Michelle Priddy
9	Cale Shorter
9	Cadie Thompson
10	Kyler Magnus
10	Destiny Waldschmidt
11	Anthony Priddy
12	Amanda Priddy
12	Joseph Priddy
12	Dani Smith
36	TOTAL STUDENTS
32	TOTAL LUNCHES

SOUTH ROUTE

Rachel Lampson 620-218-2742

Pre-K	William Denton
Pre-K	Raegan Kahrs
Pre-K	Jaylee McIntire
Pre-K	Abel Powell
KG	Rylie Freeman
KG	Oakley Kahrs
KG	Skyler Robinson
1	Owen Crain
2	Noah Kahrs
2	Riley Robinson
4	Jackson Jacobs
4	Madelynn Lampson
5	Lucas Freeman
5	Josiah Gage
5	Aaron Hustad
5	Keely Jacobs
5	Liam Lampson
5	Wesley Robinson
6	Lucas Denton

6	Austin Potter
6	Royce Potter
7	Kaden Jacobs
7	Cadence Shelton
8	Tristan Denton
8	Joshua Gage
8	Levi McIntire
8	Gus Shelton
8	Tucker Wedman
9	Wyatt Lampson
9	Jacey McIntire
11	Josie Gage
12	Tyler Vogele
32	TOTAL STUDENTS
30	TOTAL LUNCHES

SOUTH EAST ROUTE

Brynn Perrigo 580-362-6607

Pre-K	Max Champlin
KG	Tylar Pingry
1	Olivia Clapp
2	Jubilee Avers
3	Piper Dale
3	Teagan Pingry
4	Analee Free
4	Casyn Johnson
6	Conner Riley
7	Kylee Bragg
7	Cole Riley
8	Myles Artherton
8	Violet Avers
8	Landon Bragg
8	Brody Lennington
10	Cameron Bragg
12	Kaylee Haden
12	Chase Johnson

18	TOTAL STUDENTS
13	TOTAL LUNCHES

WINFIELD ROUTE

Tracey Crow 620-441-4075

1	Chloe Thomas
2	Eliya Jackson
2	Cole McMinn
3	Tinley Archer
3	Emberly Stout
4	Abigail Waldschmidt
5	Hayden McMinn
5	Annabell Mugler
7	Bandon Kendall
7	Wyatt McMinn
7	Andrew Waldschmidt
8	Shelby Ferguson
8	Braden Mugler
9	Ryan Kendall
10	Kaitlynn Anderson
10	Jenna Richardson
11	Peyton King
12	Leanna Adams

18	TOTAL STUDENTS
7	TOTAL LUNCHES

DEXTER EAST ROUTE

Marla Martin 620-218-2968

Pre-K	Faith Heim
Pre-K	Kinley DeVore
Pre-K	Kaison McBride
KG	Ginger Bowlby
KG	Ryvir Jones
KG	Callie Killman
KG	Brayden Moody
1	Kolby Chambers
1	Asher Heim
1	Arianna Orrell
2	Sage Bowlby
2	Xander Chambers
2	Hezekiah Heim
3	Kaydin DeVore
4	Kenadi Koeppen
6	Brylee Casebolt
6	Wade Martin
6	Wyatt Martin
6	Cierra McBride
6	Alysa Moody
6	Cecil Vaden

7	Laikin Bratcher
7	Kalee Hood
7	Xander Overbey
8	Alexis Moody
8	Jaycee Coon
9	Mason Casebolt
9	Timber Neal
9	Mason Randall
10	Justice Casebolt
10	Alyssa Overbey
10	Dallas Ray
11	Darius Casebolt
11	Hannah Overbey
11	Kyndel Randall
11	Matthew Rist
11	Jordan Wade
12	Jamie Freeman
12	Braden Hale
12	Alleigh Mathis
12	Allyssa Vaden
41	TOTAL STUDENTS
47	TOTAL LUNCHES

DEXTER WEST ROUTE

Yvonne Stone 620-229-0060

Pre-K	Jace Doyle
Pre-K	Elijah Hemel
KG	Adalynn Doyle
KG	Oliver Hemel
3	Brooklynn Killman
5	Eislee Boatman
5	Cooper Criss
5	Maverick Schalk
6	Logan Becker
6	Paiten Henderson
7	Edee Boatman
8	Braden Henderson
8	Jeramiah McCaslin
8	Riley Schalk
8	Lorelai Strausberg
9	Angelia Becker
9	Kaleb Boatman
9	Grace Henderson
9	Colin Randall

9	Bryson Trester
10	Rita (Henderson)
11	Essie Boatman
11	Pau Buj
11	Cole Criss
11	Tyler Wedman
11	Jasighia Killman
11	Avery Vaden
12	Arik Artherton
12	Emma Boatman
12	Davin Catlin
12	Clayton Henderson
31	TOTAL STUDENTS
31	TOTAL LUNCHES

ARK CITY ROUTE

Kaylen Artherton 620-218-9405

KG	James Mitton
KG	Waylon Wadleigh
1	Kempir Capps
1	Raegan Deiter
1	Esmei Newman
1	Baylee Perry
2	Breckin Capps
2	Tyler Feste
2	Norah Nichols
2	Elizabeth Perry
3	Agustana Dassel
4	Arianna Baxter
4	Brady Deiter
4	Briar Duncan
4	Terrance Feste
4	Jackson Voegele
5	Sawyer Harrod
5	Allyson McDonald
5	Violet Nichols

5	Paizlee Slater
6	Jax Deiter
7	Staton Harrod
7	Braden Minnie
7	Andrew Perry
9	Amiya Dimequez
10	Cole Clark
10	Jesse Hobbs
10	Briley Minnie
10	Briggs Slater
10	Anna Swisher
10	Cody Waters
11	Jordan Anderson
11	Jasmine Helvy
12	Ben Swisher
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G. Anderson	English II	English III	English IV	English I	OFFICE	OFFICE	AVAILABLE
A. Wise	Adv. Biology	Earth/Space Sc.	Biology	OFFICE	Chemistry	OFFICE	AVAILABLE
C. Champlin			OFFICE				
D. Carder			OFFICE				
W. Killman	ONLINE ACCT	ONLINE ACCT	OFFICE	OFFICE	OFFICE	OFFICE	
B. Kuntz			OPEN SHOP				
J. Catlin			OFFICE				
G. Reimer			SPED				
D. Moore			IDP				
D. Voss			COUNSELOR				
L. Lowe			IDP				