



April 10, 2020

Dear PUSD Families,

As you know the decision has been made that we will be providing Distance Learning for the remainder for the school year. We are now moving into the next phase of our Distance Learning program. Teachers have worked hard to establish Key Skills and Concepts that they will be focusing on for the remainder of the school year. Some review will still be taking place, but new teaching of key skills and concepts will be the main focus. All students will benefit from this focus. As we continue to learn, we will continue to improve the services we are providing families. The remainder of this letter will outline important information you will need for the rest of the school year.

Distance Learning

- Information along with instructional videos and/or video conferencing will be provided by all teachers.
- Online programs such as Reflex Math, IXL, WPP and AR will continue to be part of the overall program.
- Regular communication will come from your classroom teacher. If at any point you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.
- Hard copy work packets will be available to be picked up every other Tuesday at your child's school from 7:30am-4:00pm.

Work Packet Pick Up Dates

- Tuesday, April 14th
- Tuesday, April 28th
- Tuesday, May 12th

Students Personal Items

- Since students were not able to remove their personal items prior to the closing of the school sites, we will be bagging up the items for each child and will have them available at one of the "Work Packet Pick Up" days. The Site Principal will be letting you know what grade levels will be available on which days.

Meal Distribution

- We will be transitioning to a once a week meal pick up. We received tremendous feedback from parents that they liked the once a week pick up process. This way they only had to come and receive food one day per week and not need to be out every day. We are going to honor that request and will be providing meal pick up each Monday from 11:00am-1:00pm at Schnell School. We will be providing meals for 5 days at that time. Meals will be available on April 13th, 20th, and 27th along with May 4th, 11th, 18th and Tuesday May 26th.

Chromebooks

- If you are in need of a Chromebook for any of your children who are students at PUSD, please stop by the PUSD District Office M-F from 10:00am-2:00pm. We have Chromebooks available for any student who needs one.
- You will receive a notification from PUSD as to when and where to return the Chromebooks at the end of the school year.

Grading/Report Cards

- All Students will still be receiving a report card this year but it will look very different. As a District we will be moving towards a Pass or No Mark for students. If students are able to regularly participate in the Distance Learning program, they will receive a Pass mark. If they were not able to regularly participate, they will receive a No Mark for the final Quarter or Trimester. There will be a summary provided with each report card as to the reason for the change in grading for this term, and what were the Key Skills and Concepts that were covered.
- We strongly encourage all students to participate to their greatest extent possible. New Skills and Concepts will be covered and, as always, we want students to be as successful as possible.

Counseling and Mental Health Services

- Our School Counselors are available to provide support for any student who is struggling at this time. Please reach out to your school's Counselor for needed assistance.
- We are partnering with Care Solace which is a company that will assist any family and any family member in finding and scheduling Mental Health/Counseling Services during this difficult time. More information will be coming on how you can access Care Solace's services.

8th Grade Recognition

- All 8th graders will be moving onto high school next year, and we want to be able to recognize them. We have not finalized plans on how this will happen, but we will be getting information out to all of our 8th grade families when we do.

Change of Contact Information

- If your address, phone number or email address changes, please update your information through the AERIES parent Portal, or call your child's school and leave the information on the voice mail.
- We need the most up to date contact information so that we can regularly stay in contact with you over the next couple of months.

I hope that all of you were able to have some time to rest over Spring Break. We appreciate each and every one of you for working with us and for the amazing support you are providing your child. We understand this is a difficult time for everyone and are grateful for all that you do. We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward.

Sincerely,



Eric Bonniksen
Superintendent