



## ***FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT***

March 27, 2020

Dear Salt Creek Parents,

While dealing with COVID-19 has been incredibly challenging and very stressful, I have tried to find the silver lining with this situation. I'm really attached to my job and my wife handles the lion's share of many of the family responsibilities. I have two sons and they are 14 (High School Freshman) and 11 (6<sup>th</sup> Grader). Most weeks in our family are a blur and our family is in a constant rush to get from one activity to another. Over the past few weeks, I've found more opportunities to re-connect with my family and that has been incredibly meaningful. We have been able to spend more quality time together as a family and I have found myself relishing those moments as I have walked through the door. In many ways, things have slowed down for the Chung family just a bit. Our family walks through the neighborhood have been wonderful. Saying hello to people (while maintaining our social distance) during our walks have taken on a new meaning. We bought my youngest son an indoor basketball hoop to attach to his door and we have played a lot of games of 'PIG' and we have had epic dunk contests. My oldest son loves to play volleyball and we bought him a volleyball net that we set up in our backyard. It has been fun playing volleyball with him and hanging out with him. Our conversations haven't been as contentious and we've found time to talk about the books that I read in high school. My wife and I have spent more time talking with one another and hanging out with one another. I've also connected with my friends more frequently through video and text more than ever before. Their friendship and support have been awesome. My family and I have spent the past week eating dinner together as a family at home. I honestly can't remember the last time that has happened and time spent together has been powerful.

COVID-19 has totally sucked, but I've found a few things to be thankful for during this time. I know we have many challenges ahead of us, but we are D48 STRONG and we'll get through this. We'll continue to care for one another and show compassion toward each other. Our school district is over 180 years old and we'll continue to fight.

Please watch this YouTube Video if you get a moment.  
"Rooted in Love"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OjjWh-8Iv0&feature=youtu.be>



### Important Items

We have not received any additional information from the State Board of Education on when school might resume at this point. We will continue with our e-learning after spring break, but we are continuing to make tweaks on how we approach this. As we learn from our experiences on how we deliver We will look to hand out our Chromebooks to our second, third, and fourth graders after spring break at Stella May Swartz School. Unfortunately, we weren't ready to do this prior to our students leaving, but we are ready to go at this point. We will practice our social distancing as we hand out our devices. Our hope is to set up tables outside of the school and get families in and out under a minute.

### Stella May Swartz Chromebook Deployment Update

Tuesday, April 7th

Last Names

A - D	9:00 am - 10:00 am
E - H	10:30am - 11:30am
I - L	12:00 pm - 1:00pm

Or by appointment

Wednesday, April 8th

Last Names

M - P	9:00 am - 10:00 am
Q - T	10:30am - 11:30am
U - Z	12:00 pm - 1:00pm

Or by appointment

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

We will resume passing out meals (breakfast and lunch) at Albright Middle School on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We have had between 40 to 75 families coming to receive meals each day. Please feel free to stop by!

Our staff has worked really hard over the past few weeks and I'm really proud of them. I'd also like to thank our parents for your support at home. We know that we are all doing the best that we can.

Spring break has officially begun. The Salt Creek District 48 staff is looking forward to this time off and we look forward to re-connecting with you on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll see you soon...

Sincerely,

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