

South Lewis Central School District

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

I do hope this message finds everyone healthy, safe and adjusting to a “new normal.” As you may be aware, Governor Cuomo has extended his Executive Order regarding school closure through May 15th. It is becoming increasingly likely that our students may not return to school at all for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. When this closure first started our educational planning was in survival mode. However, the time has come for us to put a more structured and robust education plan in place.

Attached to this communication is the **South Lewis Central School Remote Learning Plan.**

Please take the time to review the Remote Learning Plan as it outlines important and new information related to the “*Continuity of Education*” for our students in anticipation of a long-term closure. It includes such information as:

- Overview and Guiding Principles
- Instruction, Content Delivery and Staff Availability
- Collective Responsibilities
- Grading and Report Cards
- End-of-Year Assessments and Course Credit
- Technology Support and Professional Development
- Reporting Concerns

Beginning on May 4th South Lewis Central Schools will begin the implementation of the Remote Learning Plan.

South Lewis Central School administrators, teachers, and support staff have been working diligently to plan, learn, prepare and coordinate a Remote Learning Plan that will assist students in continuing to grow their knowledge and skills within their current grade-levels and courses.

This Remote Learning is not intended to replicate the instruction of our daily classrooms in a digital environment. It will include, however, both previously covered material and new content. Lessons and activities will be both **synchronous** (on-line live instruction) and **asynchronous** (learning experiences students access in their own time and complete at their own pace) through such platforms as **Class Dojo, Zoom, WebEx or Google Classroom.**

Our Remote Learning Plan includes research-based reasonable and appropriate time-commitments for this new form of teaching and learning. Simplicity where “less is

more” is best for Remote Learning. **These TOTAL times listed below include both instructional lessons and independent work.**

For South Lewis Central Schools this means:

Grade-Level	Instructional Time at Home
UPK to 2 nd	60-90 minutes TOTAL per day
3 rd to 4 th Grade	90-120 minutes TOTAL per day
5 th to 8 th Grade	120-150 minutes TOTAL per day
9 th to 12 th Grade	120 to 180 minutes TOTAL per day

Instruction will be provided by Core Classroom, Related-Arts, Academic Intervention and Special Education teachers as well as Related-Service providers (i.e. OT/PT/Speech) on a set schedule between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm. Counselors, Social Workers and other student support specialists will also continue working with our students and families.

Your child’s specific schedule and learning opportunities will be communicated by our teachers and building-level staff.

In order to offer support to our students and families outside of these set lessons, our instructional staff will also have office hours each week during which students and families can access additional support by appointment or drop-in interactions.

It is critical that our students **PARTICIPATE AND ENGAGE** in this Remote Learning to the extent practical and possible. We need your support in helping to make this happen.

During the coming weeks, it is certain that things will continue to evolve and change. We will continue to monitor this ongoing situation and adjust accordingly. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to support your children and our entire school community through this unprecedented situation. We thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility. We look forward to the day when our buses and schools are once again filled with your children. Be well and be safe.

Sincerely,



Douglas Premo
Superintendent of Schools

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High School: 315-348-2520	Transportation: 315-348-2590
Food Service: 315-348-2543	Technology: 315-348-2567
Special Education: 315-348-2551	Athletics: 315-348-2562
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