



As the school year winds down, we want to extend our deepest appreciation for your commitment to Shawnee Schools and our students during this time of online learning. We have made some adjustments to the schedule for the remainder of the school year.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020: Our bus drivers miss their students. They have decided to take a couple of hours and drive their afternoon Elementary bus routes beginning at 11:30 am. Please maintain social distancing and remain in your driveway.

Friday, May 15, 2020: Last day of academic instruction for **seniors**. AP students will continue to receive instruction in preparation for the AP Exams.

Friday, May 22, 2020: Last day of new instruction for **grades K-11**. Make-up work and completion of latest learning goals will be accepted through **Friday, May 29, 2020**.

Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27, 2020: Personalized Graduation Experience. Due to new mandates from the Ohio Department of Health, we are unable to hold a traditional graduation ceremony. In order to honor our seniors, we will be scheduling individual times for students to receive their diploma in their cap and gown with immediate family members. Our Board of Education President, Superintendent, Principal and School Counselor will be present and part of this event. A photographer will be capturing the moment at an appropriate social distance. Additional details will be sent to senior families next week.

In the next week, you will receive additional communication from your child's principal with instructions for returning school materials and technology. They will also have personal belongings for your child to pick up, if you haven't already done so.

As you may know, we learned yesterday that the State of Ohio is cutting funding for all school districts, including Shawnee Schools, which will be reduced by \$477,186 for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Our Board of Education and Administration have begun the difficult task of determining where reductions will be made.

This has been a challenging time for all of us and we don't yet know what the fall will look like. Over the next few weeks, I will be working with our administrative team and teachers to evaluate online instruction and determine what worked well and what did not. While we hope to return in the fall with face-to-face instruction, we are exploring alternative options.

We are seeing tremendous collaboration and communication among our staff, students and parents and we want that dynamic to continue. Like you, I am saddened by the way our school year is ending. Please celebrate your students and their accomplishments! They have done tremendous things and demonstrated resilience in this difficult situation.

James Kanable, Superintendent