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To: Parents and Students of Somerville ISD
RE: Remote Instruction

Somerville ISD's number one goal is to provide high-quality instruction for all students through academic and post-secondary success with a focus on attaining proficiency in reading and math and to implement programs aimed to support college and career readiness in a safe and secure environment. We strongly believe to achieve this goal we need to have all students in attendance at school every school day.

This school year it was suggested by TEA to allow students to have a choice of receiving their instruction either face to face, on campus, or remotely from home. SISD did follow those suggestions by TEA, and our teachers have worked very hard to provide both in class instruction and remote instruction daily.

Today marks the end of our 1st six weeks grading period and most of our students have returned to the classroom on campus. Currently, SISD has around 16% of our student population receiving remote instruction and 61% of those students are failing one or more classes. We believe the data shows our best option for instruction is on campus; therefore, Somerville ISD will be suspending remote instruction across all campuses beginning October 13th.

Campus administrators will be contacting parents/guardians of each remote learner to discuss steps needed to return your child back to Somerville ISD campuses and explain all options if you choose not to send your child back to campus.

Monday, October 12th is a parent conference/teacher in-service day and a holiday for all students. All students enrolled in Somerville ISD must begin attending on-campus instruction on or before Tuesday, October 13th. The only exception will be for those students who are told to quarantine by the school district or the public health department due to close contact exposures or a positive test result for COVID-19.

We appreciate your support through these difficult times, and we look forward to seeing your child on campus October 13th. Please contact us for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karla Sparks".

Karla Sparks
Superintendent