

Monday, March 16, 2020: District email

Good afternoon district families and staff,

As we make our way through this unprecedented situation, we will maintain communication with our families and staff members to provide updated information as it becomes available. For the time being, families and staff members can expect to receive daily emails at the email addresses they have provided to the district. An archive of updates that have been sent can also be found on the district's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates page](#) of the website.

To ensure you receive all of the informational updates, please make sure your information is current in [Skyward](#). If you need assistance with Technology, please call the parent tech help line at 651-407-7637 or email [parenttechhelp@isd624.org](mailto:parenttechhelp@isd624.org).

### **Important Requests for Information**

As we plan for our students to spend time outside of school, we ask that families complete any forms below that apply to their situation. Having this information will help us better serve our families moving forward.

- [Healthcare/Emergency Worker Childcare Request](#) - Childcare for those who are healthcare/emergency care workers who may need childcare will begin on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 a.m. Sites include Oneka, Birch Lake, and Willow Lane. Hours are 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- [WBLAS Free Meal Questionnaire](#) - Breakfast and lunch are available to all children free of charge beginning Wednesday, March 18. So that we can plan the number of meals to prepare, please fill out this WBLAS Free Meal Questionnaire. Additional information will be shared in tomorrow's update to families.

### **Access to Student Lockers**

We have received questions from some parents who are looking to pick up items that had been left in their children's lockers over Spring Break. Starting Wednesday, March 18, buildings will be open to families for this purpose from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. If additional arrangements need to be made, families should contact their principal.

### **Distance Learning**

As we shared yesterday, District teams are working this week and next to create distance learning plans that may be implemented in our district starting Monday, March 30. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) defines distance learning as: Students engaging in distance learning have access to appropriate educational materials and receive daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s). Distance learning may include paper packets/worksheet, textbooks, telephone instruction or online resources.

We will be reaching out to families soon to collect information about what technology supports may be needed, and additional information about distance learning will be shared out as it becomes available and March 30 approaches.

Thank you,

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