

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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Dear Amity Community -

You are amazing. In 10 days, we have turned our learning community on its head, but have still kept it upright. Everyone - students, parents, staff - should be proud of what you have done - and even more proud that you are trying to figure out something that no one has the right answer to. We are resilient, we are courageous, and we are committed to being Amity - even when we are apart.

School Offices - During this period of “Stay home, Stay safe”, we have many staff who are working from home. The school and district offices are generally staffed from 8:00 - 12:30. A reminder that April Break begins on Friday, April 10, 2020. School offices will be closed during April break.

Meal Distribution - In a recent update from the government, meals (breakfast and lunch) will be provided to any child 18 years of age or younger - they do not need to be enrolled in a BOWA school. Additionally, children do not need to be present in the car when meals are picked up.

Please note that families who pick up meals on Thursday, April 9, 2020 will be provided with 2 servings, as there will be no meal service on April 10, 2020 due to Good Friday.

Meal service will be provided during the April Break (April 13 - 17, 2020).

Since I began my work in Amity, when faced with challenges, we have always had the benefit of coming together to discuss those challenges. Face to face conversations were a chance to listen with empathy, appreciate differences, think about solutions, and resolve problems. It is easy to forget the importance of face to face communication - particularly when we can't actually sit together. When physically separated and locked into our device all day, it is much easier to send emails and text, but as much as we can, please remember that talking and listening is a blessing that we should use.

Stay safe, stay positive, and stay connected!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer P. Byars". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D.