



May 1, 2020

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

We hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe! We know that this is not the spring that we had all envisioned. We are very appreciative of the hard work of our families who are supporting their children at home, as well as our teachers who are working hard to continue their students' learning during this challenging time. We are all in this together, and I know that we can finish out the school year strong!

We will continue with Remote Learning for all students through the last day of school, May 29. Fridays will be used as "catch-up days" for students and "remote planning days" for staff. This means that there will be no remote instruction on May 8, May 15, and May 22. Please see the updated Remote Learning Daily Subject Schedule and Zoom Schedule for [Elementary](#) and [Middle School](#), which will start next week. Elementary teachers have Zoom meeting times in an effort to better meet our families' needs. These virtual meetings continue to be used as a tool for teachers to reach out and interact with their students on a social emotional level, rather than direct classroom instruction. Teachers are encouraged to record their lessons to share with students. Printed copies of student assignments are still available for those who do not have access to internet at home.

We also want to remind families to utilize our [Family Support Resources](#), which include information and resources that you may find helpful in this stressful and uncertain time. We have recently added virtual support videos from our social workers across the district. We also encourage parents to join our virtual Parent Cafe on Thursday, 5/14 at 6:00pm to provide tips and information on *Keeping Kids Safe Online: Internet Safety*. [Online registration](#) is required to attend the Zoom meeting.

As we look toward the end of the school year, we know that there are many questions. We have added drop-boxes at the main entrance of each of our buildings for you to return library books at this time. We are finalizing details for a drive-up process when families can pick-up student belongings and drop-off books or other items at their school. We will only be collecting Chromebooks from 8th Grade students, as we would like all other grades to keep their devices at home over the summer. We are targeting the week of May 25 for the pick-up process, and we will provide you with a schedule and more details very soon.

We are also already looking ahead and planning for the fall and we appreciate your help in getting your student ready for the 2020-2021 School Year! Registration for returning students in Grades 1-8 begins on Monday, May 4. New students can register online beginning Monday, May 11. Detailed information and instructions are posted on our website at <https://www.esd20.org/registration>. Please note that we have made several modifications this year:

- We have decided to waive all registration fees for students who register by July 31 due to the uncertainty in the economy. All families will still be required to pay the \$45.00 technology fee to ensure that we are able to continue as a 1:1 device district. Please note that starting August 1, the \$150.00 registration fee will be reinstated.
- We have also made modifications to our residency check procedures. Only families with *incoming* Kindergarten Students, 6th Grade Students, and New Students will be required to prove their residency in the district. We will begin in-person residency checks on July 1, please visit the website for details on the documentation that you will need to bring to your child's school. Returning families who are not in Kindergarten or 6th Grade do not need to prove residency this year.

We will continue to provide free grab-and-go meals at all of our buildings. Please see the current [Weekly Meal Schedule](#) for the current pick-up times. As you grab your meals, please be sure to thank our dedicated food services workers for their hard work, as today is Food Service Hero Appreciation Day! They are among the many everyday heroes that are helping us all to manage the current situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo
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