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Dear SANB families,

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through all of the necessary changes during this challenging and uncertain time. Yesterday's announcement from Gov. Walz on social distancing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has provided the necessary time to plan and prepare. We are experiencing a complete shift in how we live our lives, do our jobs, and educate our children. Remember, we are strong and we will get through this— together.

### **Planning for Distance Learning**

As promised, we are working on creating a distance learning model to help transition to online learning on March 30 — if directed by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Gov. Walz. We are following the MDE School Closure Guidance for Public School Districts and Charter Schools that can be found at [education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/](https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/). As set forth in our priorities, we are committed to providing both online learning and care for our students.

### **Planning for Emergency Care**

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, St. Anthony Community Services will provide care to children ages 33 months to 12 years whose parents are employed in occupations critical to the State's response to COVID-19.

1. Determine if your occupation qualifies your family for emergency care of your children.
2. If your family qualifies for emergency care, please fill out this form. St. Anthony Community Services will email families, who have completed the form, with details on how to register their children for emergency care.
  - If your family has childcare needs and does not qualify for emergency care, contact the State Emergency Operations Center at 651-297-1304 to learn about childcare resources.

### **We will stay in communication with you**

You will be receiving communication via SwiftK12 email/text messaging. In addition, we will continue to keep you updated on any changes or direction received from MDE or Gov. Walz.

### **What to expect this week:**

- We will notify families about how we will begin to provide meals (breakfast and lunch) starting March 23.
- We will notify families of the process to pick up technology tools (Chromebooks, internet) beginning March 23. These tools will allow your child to access online learning.
  - As we receive direction from Gov. Walz and the MDE whether or not we will need to activate our online learning model on March 30, or have staff and students return to school buildings.

- In the meantime, as we get closer to March 30, we will be sharing how students/families can access online and distance learning programming. This message will also include how parents/guardians will be able to communicate with their child's teacher and/or principal.

### **District resources**

Our website [isd282.org](http://isd282.org) provides the most up-to-date information, along with action steps and resources included in our [ISD282 COVID-19 response plan Google Site](#).

We are responding as much as possible to each emerging variable in the daily protection of our students, our staff, and school community. I want to thank everyone for the kind emails and texts we (in the district) have received. As many of you know, I live in St. Anthony with my family and I am not only proud of the work and commitment of our school district staff, but I'm humbled by the outpouring of love and support from our community to all citizens. We truly are ISD282 strong.

As a reminder, if you need anything, please call/text (cell: 612-298-1979) or email me ([rcorneille@isd282.org](mailto:rcorneille@isd282.org)).

Sincerely,

Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille

### **State, local resources**

- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) hotline at 651-201-5414.
- City of St. Anthony Village website.
- City of New Brighton website.