

March 12, 2020

Dear parents and guardians of St. Anthony New Brighton students,

This week, I had to make a decision that impacted many of our students and their families. I had to rescind the district's approval of the band trip to Spain. It is painful to require parents to navigate their options with the travel company regarding the trip and/or a possible refund. It is also heartbreaking when students, who have raised funds and planned for this trip, learn they would not be traveling. Unfortunately, what is becoming clear is how coronavirus (COVID-19) will continue to impact our lives in many ways over the next few months.

As you know, spring break is next week and many of our families will be traveling. Our priority is the health and safety of our students, staff and the greater community. We have been monitoring COVID-19 across the United States and throughout the world. We are discussing the implications for St. Anthony-New Brighton School District (SANB). We have a dedicated team that is working with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education. Our district team continues to collect up-to-date information to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota.

In order to plan and prepare for the next few weeks, I am seeking your help. Our community often takes pride in its small size, and I want to use our size as a true asset and collect potentially important data:

### **Spring Break and Technology Survey for SANB Families**

You are by no way required, but we are asking two things:

1. What is your family's **current access to technology** (chromebook, computer, tablet, etc.) and **access to the internet**? [Please fill out this Google Form.](#)
  - Please note: If there was a need to close K-12 schools in Minnesota, we want to be prepared. In the event of a school closure, our district is working to provide technology to families and allow students to access school-based education. By collecting this data, we can have that technology ready to go, if necessary.
2. **If you are planning to be traveling next week for spring break**, [please fill out this Google Form.](#)
  - Please be advised, as we learn more about COVID-19 and receive guidance from the MDH, families may be required to be quarantined at home before students return to school.

As a school district, we have an obligation to the health of our students and our greater community. In addition to the potential for families being quarantined at home following spring break, there is the possibility that schools may be required to be closed for a set amount of time.

Unfortunately, school closure and potential quarantines would also impact activity and athletic participation. We promise to continue working together with local and state agencies, such as the MDH for guidance on these decisions.

As we enter the next few months regarding COVID-19 and its potential impact on our schools and community, here's what I promise:

- I promise to keep you updated on the technical details.
- I will continue to think and care deeply about the safety and well-being of your children.
- I encourage you to call me, email me, stop me in the neighborhood, at Cub, or when I'm picking up my own children from Village Kids if you have questions or concerns.

We commit to communicating updates with you and learning as much as we can to navigate this precarious time and help our families through it. Again, please don't hesitate to connect with me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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