

March 16, 2020

Dear Southwestern Families,

The staff at Southwestern convened today to try to navigate what our new "normal" might look like over the next few weeks. Most importantly, we want to make sure our kids, families, and staff stay safe. Following is the information I can provide as of Monday, March 16, 2020:

- Each school building is developing online resources and finalizing learning packets for students PreK-12. Information will be forthcoming via parent broadcast, social media, and our school website.
- Bag breakfast and lunch for students will be available as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Please let us know if you wish to be on the delivery list.
- The Southwestern staff will be reaching out to their students over the next few weeks. We continue to focus our efforts on staying connected to students and families through this shutdown.

Our main goal is making our children feel safe and connected to their school during this time. Staying focused and engaged in some level of learning is helpful in achieving a level of normalcy for our students.

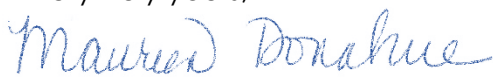
We appreciate the time you take as parents and caretakers to support your child's learning. Setting up space, time, and expectations for learning can easily happen at home. It is imperative, now more than ever, that parents/guardians be active participants in the learning process and that this continues even though students are at home instead of a school building.

As a parent/guardian, you can demonstrate and make sure your student(s) understands the concepts of:

- Social distancing of at least 6 feet and minimize contact with people
- Proper hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Our staff currently has plans in place for meal delivery and continuing the learning process for all of our students. This is new territory for our staff, students, and families. If we can assist your family in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email to mdonahue@swcsk12.org, or call our district office at 484-1136.

Very truly yours,



Maureen Donahue
Superintendent

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