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Dear South Allegheny Family,

First and foremost, I hope you are all staying safe and healthy in these unprecedented times. Secondly, I want to thank you for your patience and support while we continue to navigate continuous change on a daily basis.

While there are many concerns around the continuation of education, we know that the most important focus is the mitigation of the spread of Covid-19 and the safety of all so that we can return to a normal routine as soon as possible. Governor Wolf announced a few days ago the extended closing of schools through April 8, 2020, and possibly longer depending upon the spread of Covid-19. What this means for South Allegheny is that we are still keeping our initial plan of returning to school on April 14, 2020, but planning for a possible extension as more information is received.

Food service:

A notice was sent out regarding meal changes that will allow for more meals to be distributed, but will cut back on the days offered and the locations in our attempt to continue to limit the interaction we have as per recommendations by the CDC, State and County. Please know we will be including weekend meals for families during this time as well, and we encourage you to take advantage of this service being provided.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

We have completed a deep cleaning and disinfecting of all buildings and are significantly limiting anyone coming into our buildings in order to not take the chance of contaminating areas which have already been cleaned.

Academics:

On Monday March 30 we will begin our first steps to bring education back to the forefront in our District.

Elementary will be sending out information via Skyward, Remind, Google Classroom, and/or Class DoJo.

K-2
30 minutes per day
Monday and Friday: Math
Tuesday and Thursday: ELA
Wednesday: Specialty areas

3-5
45 mins of work per day
Monday and Friday: Math and Science
Tuesday and Thursday: Social Studies and ELA
Wednesday: Specialty areas

Secondary (grades 6-12) will be sending out information via Skyward and Google Classroom.

30 minutes of work per day per content area
Monday and Friday - Math and Science Content Areas
Tuesday and Thursday - Social Studies and ELA
Wednesday - Specialty areas

We are beginning to do this for a few reasons. First, we want to continue the process of educational thinking for our students. As we all venture into this new way of providing instruction and learning, this is a critical step. Second, we want to analyze our current infrastructure for online learning in our community. One of our goals is to make sure that all students have access to their education if school closures continue for a longer period of time.

If you know of a family that does not have computer or internet access, or you do not have access yourself, please share with your building principals. Some may take this for granted, but we do realize that we have families that have financial hardships that prevent them from technology and internet access. We will work to assist in connecting families to services to ensure access to education and information. This process will last the next few weeks and will help us plan for more intensified and concrete learning in the future if necessary.

Please know that we realize the stress and anxiety at this time. We want to be supportive in working with you and your child to support their learning during this closure. Your child's teachers are working to learn new programs and means of communicating with you and your child. Your support, patience, and understanding during this time are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, please email your child's teacher or principal.

Be safe, and know we will get through this together. We are, and always will be, SAProud!

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