



School District of Hilbert

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Invest, Interact, Inspire... Every Child, Every Day!

Parents,

We are entering unprecedented times with what is happening in regards to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, but like other tough times in history we will get through this because of the strength of our community. As you are aware, Governor Tony Evers issued an Executive Order closing all Wisconsin Public and Private Schools at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18th with the anticipated reopening of schools on Monday, April 6th.

Over the weekend, we had a group of District staff putting a plan together on how we will move forward in providing instruction to our students for the remainder of the school year. Please understand that this is a very fluid situation, which seems to continue to change very rapidly. We will continue to make adjustments as we see fit.

- The 3rd Quarter will be ending this Wednesday, March 18th. We will be working over the next three days to close out this quarter, so we can start fresh on April 6th.
- Calendar Changes: Thursday, April 9 and Monday, April 13 will now be considered school days along with Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12. We need to make these additions to our calendar in order to meet the Department of Public Instruction's requirement for minutes in a school year provided that we are back to business as usual on April 6th. We will be moving the high school graduation to either Saturday, May 30 or Sunday, May 31. We will be surveying the senior families to determine what this date change will be.
- Over the next three weeks, our staff will be preparing to move our method of instruction from what we are currently doing to a format that will include on-line as well as paper and pencil activities starting April 6th provided that we are not able to return to school at that time. As you are aware, educating your children is the most important thing that we do each and every day and we do not take this job lightly. Making this change as an educator does not happen overnight and we want to make sure that we are providing the best opportunity for a quality education for your children. Please be patient with our staff and your children as we go down this road together.

Over the next few weeks, we will need you to take care of a few things to help with the transition to the different format of learning. Please complete the following tasks:

- You will be receiving a survey, both electronically and in paper format, by the end of the day Monday. Please complete this survey before school starts on Tuesday. If you are completing this in the paper format, please send it with your child to school on Tuesday. The survey will take less than 5 minutes.
- If you do not have internet capability, Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and WiFi access to those in their coverage area (1-844-488-8395). If you are not able to gain access to broadband internet or WiFi, we will work with you on getting the appropriate materials for your child to continue getting their education. This is why the survey is so important for you to fill out.
- You or your child (depending on their age) will be receiving more information from their teachers in the coming weeks. Please make sure to check your email for communications from them. We will be using Google Classroom as an on-line platform in grades 3 through 12. All of our students in these grades have used this platform and we have a "Google Classroom Guide for Parents" we will email to you or you can pick up a copy in the main office. Our teachers in grades 4K through 2 are currently working on their platform and will get you that information soon.
- Please note the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is important that we follow these recommendations for the safety of our communities.

As we close out this letter, we want you to truly know how honored we are to serve the families in the School District of Hilbert. This has been a tough week of making decisions that we know may impact your lives for many years to come. Please know that you can reach out to any of us if you have questions or concerns.

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