



April 14, 2020

Dear DCS Students, Parents, and Staff,

In order to keep information manageable, I'm aiming for a one-page update. Below are a series of item updates:

**DCS is hosting a Virtual Forum** to share our [Continuity of Learning Plan](#) on Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via a Zoom Webinar. Participants must register in advance for this webinar at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7afiywnT\\_emCsiu4Lueow](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7afiywnT_emCsiu4Lueow). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**DCS Parents:** Please ask your children to show you what they're working on in each class and make sure they respond to their teachers. We need your support in keeping students engaged. This is particularly important in the later grades as kids are more independent. As a parent, I've continued to be impressed by the work of our teachers and the quality of learning opportunities provided to our kids. As the Superintendent, I cannot thank our teachers enough for their incredible work and ability to provide high-quality engagement and enrichment opportunities for our kids.

**Social, Emotional, and Mental Wellbeing Resource for Parents, Students, and Educators:**

We are participating in an opportunity to offer free digital lessons to help children in grades K-12 develop the skills required for social, emotional, and mental wellbeing during this time of crisis.

The resource is available for free and has specific information for parents, students, and educators. Anyone can register at [Michigan Cares](#).

**Technology Pickup Reminder & Library Book Dropoff:** Technology Pickup began today at Anchor and Beacon. Information on the remaining [technology pickup dates](#) is available on our website. We are asking families to first complete the [Parent Receipt and Responsibility Form](#). At the time of this letter, we have nearly 1100 students planning to pick up devices and are prepared for many more.

**Personal Belonging Pickup in Buildings:** At this time, we are not permitted to allow students in our buildings. As soon as we are permitted, we will arrange for personal belongings pickup from classrooms and lockers. This likely will not happen until May or later. As a result, we're working around students needing their books and materials for our [Continuity of Learning plan](#).

**Technology Support:** If your child has a hardware issue regarding technology, please call the tech hotline at 734-424-4202 for support. If your child has an issue with accessing Google Classroom,

Canvas, Summit, SeeSaw or any of the resources provided from our teachers, please direct your first questions to the specific teacher. If our teachers are unable to quickly address the problem, they will engage our technology department for support. We have a very small, but incredible, technology department and this will help us balance their workload for timely support.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

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Superintendent