

March 16, 2020

Dear APW faculty and staff,

I know you have many questions about what the coming days and weeks will look like, but we are forced to take this day by day as information and direction from state and local authorities is constantly changing. Our immediate focus is as follows:

-Continue to provide for the basic needs of our students to the extent of our ability. -Provide review / supplemental materials to ensure the continuity of education across the district.

With regard to addressing basic needs of our students we are actively involved in devising a food delivery plan throughout the district.

With regard to the continuity of education, please consider the following as guidelines.

- Our focus should be student engagement.
- As you gather materials for distribution, literacy should remain our priority. Let's keep our kids engaged and reading.
- No new instruction should be delivered. If we cannot ensure student access or supervision, this creates inequity across our district. (Focus on review materials and supplemental reading).
- No assessment / collection or grading of materials provided.
- Hard copy materials will be most effective as internet access is a challenge throughout our district.

Please frequently check email throughout the day for updates as we are trying to comply with CDC guidelines to limit gatherings to under 50 people. Absolutely no students or parents will be permitted in the buildings beyond the main offices. If parents or students need to collect items, they can do so from the main office by appointment. More information is forthcoming regarding work schedules and requirements moving forward.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate this unprecedented event together.

Sincerely,

Eric Knuth

Eric Knuth, Superintendent

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