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AT-HOME LEARNING COMMUNICATION PLAN

As teachers transition to planning new experiences, it is our intent that new at-home learning will begin Monday, April 13th. Please continue to access the learning materials already provided by classroom teachers through Friday, April 10th. In an effort to streamline communication regarding at-home learning, **we have designated Fridays and Wednesdays as days to look for new materials from staff.** On Fridays, classroom teachers will push out new home learning experiences for the upcoming week. On Wednesdays, students who receive related services will receive learning experiences from their providers, if needed.

- K-3 materials will be communicated to students and families through the classroom teacher.
- Grades 4-12 students can access materials through Schoology. **Parents and families must access through their child's account.**

Additional resources are available on each building's website (see below for instructions), including a schedule of times with regular hours when teachers and staff are available for communication. This Friday/Wednesday distribution plan of at-home learning materials will continue throughout the closure. Questions? Please email your child's teacher or the building principal.

TO ACCESS YOUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

All 10 of our school websites now include grade-level instructional plans designed by our curriculum teams and will soon include Regular Hours to reach teachers. These will help facilitate at-home learning and support. Here is how to access those via www.westirondequoit.org:

MOBILE USERS (view in landscape/horizontal mode)

- Click "OUR SCHOOLS" at top of the blue quick links tabs on the right side, click the appropriate school name in the chart.

DESKTOP USERS

- Click "Our Schools" at top of screen, drag down to the appropriate school.

Once at the school's site, click on the yellow box that says the school name and "COVID INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES." That takes you to a page with links to documents that include **resources such as websites, instructional guidance and regular hours to reach staff.**

3RD QUARTER REPORT CARDS

For students in grades K-4, we are eliminating the third quarter report card. Data collected during the third and fourth quarters will be used to help inform one final standards-based report card given at the end of the school year.

For students in grades 5-12, teachers will use a Pass (P) or Incomplete (INC) to communicate progress made during the third quarter. These marks will be based on student work/trajectory prior to the closure of our buildings and students' ability to make up any missing assignments during the closure. As we continue to receive guidance from the state, we will provide updates regarding the communication of student learning, grading and achievement.

As teachers provide new at-home learning, they will provide feedback regarding student learning progress. This work is not optional – rather, it is essential to support their progress through the learning standards for their course or grade level. Thank you for partnering with your child's classroom teacher in this effort. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s) with any questions.

CHILDCARE SURVEY

In our effort to develop a plan surrounding child care during this crisis, please take a moment to complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HSNNYJ>. Results will help us to understand current child care needs. If you need help, you can reach out to Child Care Resource & Referral for assistance: www.earlycareandlearning.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS?

We know the community is curious about the status of big events coming up in the months ahead such as prom, ball and graduation. We are collaborating internally and with external supports to make informed decisions. When we have updates, we certainly will pass them on.

ABOUT YOUR WICSD DEVICES

All WICSD-issued student devices still receive critical security and anti-malware updates even when outside the district network, managed by our IT department. Many web-based educational resources are experiencing spikes in usage between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM as students across the country increase their use of online resources. Though providers are working to improve site performance, you may experience better results by shifting access times to non-peak hours.

BUDGET VOTE DELAYED UNTIL JUNE

The annual School Budget Vote and Board Election on May 19 has been postponed. Gov. Cuomo has said it will happen after June 1. However, no official date has been set.

FOR ALL UPDATES

Visit our District website and click on the yellow box to go to the Coronavirus Closure page. Or just click this URL: http://bit.ly/COVID_WICSD