



April 9, 2020

WPS Families and Community,

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy as we all find ways to adjust to our new, temporary, normal. During this time, what is most important is that everyone does their personal best to take care of themselves and their loved ones. My thoughts and well-wishes are with those of you who have been impacted by this illness. The purpose of this communication is to provide an update about your child’s learning experience for the rest of this school year.

On April 2, 2020, Governor Whitmer ordered all school buildings closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Included in her order is that school districts will develop and put in place a Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP) designed to meet the educational needs of students, through May 29, 2020, our last day of school per the WPS 2019-2020 calendar. While we are not physically in our school buildings and engaging face-to-face with our students, Wyoming Public Schools is committed to providing opportunities and support to all of our students for continued learning. Our administration and staff continue to work together to create a learning plan that will begin for students on Monday, April 20, 2020. Our focus will be to provide learning experiences with appropriate resources, support, and communication so as not to be overwhelming for our students or the adults who are helping them. What is most important through all of this is caring for our students and one another. You will receive more information as details are finalized.

In creating our Continuity of Learning Plan, we have been mindful of what will be reasonable, accessible, and appropriate for our staff, students, and families. Teaching remotely is new for all of us. We thank you for your support as we engage in this new way of learning.

Beginning April 13, WPS staff will be participating in professional learning to prepare them to deliver their instruction remotely. On Monday, April 20 all students will begin working on their Continuity of Learning Plan. The administration and staff are going to great lengths to create a meaningful distance learning experience for our students and it is our hope that all students will be fully engaged by way of the digital content provided by their teacher(s). If they are unable, there will be a paper-pencil option as well.

Below is what you can expect your child(ren) to be engaged in based on their grade level.

Elementary Schedule				
PreK through 2nd Grade: 20-30 minutes of learning experiences per day				
3rd - 4th Grade: 30 - 45 minutes of learning experiences per day				
Specials 10 minutes per day (in addition to ELA/math content learning)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELA (English Language Arts) Special	Math Special	ELA Special	Math Special	ELA Special



Intermediate Schedule

**5th & 6th Grade: 30 minutes of core content learning experiences per subject per day
Specials 10 minutes per day (in addition to core content learning)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math ELA (English Language Arts) Special	Science Social Studies Special	Math ELA Special	Science Social Studies Special	ELA (Writing) Special

Secondary (7th - 12th): The total learning for each class will be 60 to 70 minutes per week per course. This includes teacher instruction and student work time engaged in the learning experience. This may be adjusted based on student needs in AP, Honors, or Advanced courses. AP course instruction may begin the week of April 13, 2020 in an effort to prepare for upcoming AP exams.

Students may participate in the CLP using technology, or printed paper packets.

If your student does not have access to technology or the internet, or you are choosing not to use technology, our district will provide at-home paper learning packets. You may pick these up beginning Monday, April 20 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at West Elementary during the meal distribution. West Elementary is located at 1840 - 38th Street. Please note for Kindergarten - 6th grade students, the math and ELA (English Language Arts) learning packets contain 6 weeks of lessons. More information will be shared next week through a robocall.

If your child does not already have a technology device or computer at home but would prefer to participate in their CLP using technology, they will have the opportunity to borrow a Chromebook device from their school. Please keep in mind that you will need to have Internet service in your home to connect the Chromebook to the Internet. For those who do not have internet at home you can find a link on the Wyoming Public Schools website with information on ways to receive free Internet through local providers. Parents picking up a Chromebook will pick up from the school building where the student is enrolled. Distribution will be done with a drive-through service on the following days and times to ensure social distancing and safety. Chromebook pick up has already taken place at Wyoming Junior High and Wyoming Intermediate. The remaining building schedule is listed below.

You may pick up a Chromebook from your child's building at either of the dates & times below:

- Gladiola:** Monday, April 13 from 9:00 - 11:00 am or Tuesday, April 14 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Oriole Park:** Monday, April 13 from 9:00 - 11:00 am or Tuesday, April 14 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Parkview:** Monday, April 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm or Tuesday, April 14 from 9:00 - 11:00 am
- West:** Monday, April 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm or Tuesday, April 14 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Student(s) in need of essential instructional materials that are necessary to successfully complete the school year, may request access to their school building by clicking on the following link: [Student Supplies and Material Needs](#). Our administrative team will then be in contact with you to identify a date and time for pick-up. To retrieve non-essential items,



students will be allowed to enter the school buildings, per administrative guidance, once the Governor's restrictions are lifted.

Our school buildings are physically closed, yet opportunities to learn will continue to be provided for our Wyoming Public Schools students. We hold high standards for our students, and our WPS administration and staff expects that students will engage in the learning opportunities provided, to the best of their ability.

We know that any learning that is not done face-to-face with the teacher, working alongside a paraprofessional, interventionist, school social worker, or other member of our teaching staff, as well as not seeing the smiling faces of our custodians, food service staff, and secretaries will never be replicated in an online learning environment. We will work together in partnership with you, our families, to provide our students with the best learning experience possible, while remaining focused on their overall care and wellbeing.

We are #BetterTogetherWPS

Craig Hoekstra
Superintendent

WPS Mission Statement

Wyoming Public Schools will empower all students to discover and achieve their potential in an inclusive, inspiring, and innovative culture of learning.