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Dear SWSD Families,

As we settle into this unexpected new normal, we would like to take a moment to thank you all for your tireless work at home, your unyielding support of our District and staff, and for your patience as we transition together. We feel very comfortable in our District plans moving forward as we strive to balance communication with instructional planning. As we continue to move forward together, below we have posted some very important information for SWSD:

HOW HAS OUR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR BEEN AFFECTED?

The SWSD School Calendar has been revised to reflect May 22, 2020 as a student school day. Since, at this time, remote learning counts as an official day in the 180 day requirement, no other adjustments to the calendar are required at this time. This means that the District will still close for Spring Break as previously planned. [Revised Calendar](#)

Curriculum Updates:

Required Learning Plan (Week 2): As we move into Week 2 (March 23-27) the District will continue to follow the [Home Learning Plan](#) as was shared as March 16. This week is again meant to **continue with review activities through the Independent Study Activities** that are **available on the [Parent Resource](#) section of the [SWSD Comprehensive Contingency Plan website](#)**. *Please note that these activities are the only required activities at this time.*

Optional Enrichment Plan (Week 2): For families seeking additional learning experiences, the Parent Resource section includes Optional Enrichment opportunities per grade level. Additionally, each building's Special Areas teacher has posted engaging activities on their individual classroom websites.

To assist in streamlining communication, the District asked each homeroom teacher to only send one email per day to check in with students and families. This plan has been put in place to assist as families are adjusting to home learning, including what household routines and structures look like. However, certain assignments such as Special Education, ACES, ELL, Guidance, and Nurses will continue to reach out on an as-needed basis. Parents may also reach out to any teacher with questions, etc. whenever needed. Teachers will continue to check their email and school voicemail throughout the day between the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm.

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Week 3 (3/30 - 4/3): On March 30, all PK - 6 classroom teachers will transition to a Google Classroom platform. The great thing about Google Classroom is “there is an app for that!” Parents can even view Google Classroom on your phones.

Assignments will be posted daily just like they would during a school day. The purpose of the platform varies for each grade span. Week 3 Google Classroom Assignments will go live on Friday, March 27, so that parents and students may preview what this platform will look like. (More information will follow soon.)

For PK-1: This is meant to serve as a vehicle for parents to receive all assignments for students in one central location. Due to the ages of the students, parent support will be needed.

Grades 2-6: We are looking to utilize online learning as much as possible, however, this will vary by age level of the student. Staff are NOT being asked to grade assignments during Week 3, but staff are encouraged to provide feedback and answer questions as applicable.

Printed Learning Plan Packets:

For families who require a printed learning packet, a pick-up time will be scheduled at the Harker School for Monday, March 30. (More information will follow.) Please note: printed learning plans will not look the same as what is provided in Google Classroom. The printed packets are meant to be utilized in lieu of internet access or for families who have refused the Internet Photography Technology Form.

Student Attendance:

Signing-in and viewing Google Classroom assignments for all grades (PK - 6) will count as the day's recorded attendance. You will no longer need to complete any additional forms. Please log-in to Google Classroom daily.

Loaner Chromebook Request for Pickup

If you do not have access to a device that can access online resources required for remote learning, the District will provide a loaner Chromebook, an always-on case and AC adapter charger for pickup (More information will follow).

Chromebooks require an internet connection and a wireless network (Wi-Fi) in order to connect. You must submit a request by clicking on the link below and agree to the terms of use. **The deadline for completing this request form is Thursday, March 26th, 2020 at 12:00 pm noon** to give time to procure, configure and sanitize the Chromebook for distribution. **A PDF copy of this agreement is also linked below and will be accepted as well if printed out,**

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completed, scanned and emailed back to jbrown@swsdk6.com by Thursday, March 26th at noon. Only the Google Form is required. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/Lc5sGsQ5G62T8R6k6>

[Alternative PDF Agreement form to print, fill out, scan and email back](#)

ARE YOU IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE (LUNCHES/FOOD/SUPPORTS)?

Nutriserve and SWSD staff are on-site every day to assist our families who receive free or reduced lunch. Families may stop by the Walter Hill School from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each school day. If you receive free or reduced lunch but cannot get to the Hill School during those times, please contact the school and let us know! We will make sure that all of our children who receive free or reduced lunch will receive their lunch!

Food Finder Resource:

Food Finder is a safe, secure and award-winning mobile and web app that gives food insecure children and their families a way to find free food assistance programs quickly. Families can find this information [on our District website regarding the District's contingency plan](#).

State Services:

The State of New Jersey has established a website for all of its citizens to access for accurate information about COVID-19. To find services, information, updates, and announcements, please visit:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/>

Gloucester County Services:

Gloucester County: The State of New Jersey has developed a state-wide registry, Register Ready. It is voluntary and free of charge to all NJ residents. The Registry is designed to assist emergency responders in locating those residents that may need assistance in evacuating in an emergency and who lack adequate assistance from families and caregivers. You (or someone on your behalf) should register if you may find it difficult to get to safety with family or friends or to a public shelter during an emergency evacuation, because of a physical or cognitive disability, communication barrier, or lack of transportation. For more information:

<http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/depts/d/divdied/emerpasp>

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Woolwich Township:

A Facebook group has been created as a way for residents to connect those in need with those able to assist. This group does not take the place of governmental services, rather just a way for neighbors to help neighbors during this crisis. The group is called "Woolwich Twp. Community COVID Outreach". Please join the page and direct other residents to this additional resource.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/258252311856999/?ref=share>

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin P. O'Neil, Superintendent
Ms. Jamie Flick, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Joel Brown, Chief Information Officer

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