



East Pennsboro Area School District

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Dear East Pennsboro Area Students, Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well and managing under the circumstances requiring us to learn and work from home. While the health and well-being of our families and community remain the priority, it is imperative that we stay focused in our learning, engaging as constructively as possible. Thank you for making the best of your time as you learn from home. Thank you for your support as we work together to do the very best we can. We have just learned that the Governor and State Education Secretary have directed that Pennsylvania schools remain closed for the school year. In keeping with this decision, we have adjusted our district's remote learning plan as follows:

Beginning April 20 through June 5, 2020

The focus of learning moves from practice, enrichment and remediation to ***new subject matter, new learning activities and assignments***. Teachers will maintain consistent, regular communication, availability and feedback every day throughout the school work week.

Grading and Assessment

For the 4th marking period, students will be assessed on their level of engagement with their assignments: High level of engagement (HE); Moderate level of engagement (ME); Low level of engagement (LE). Specific rubrics concerning expectations for engagement will be provided by your teachers. There will be no numerical grades for the 4th marking period. More information concerning grading will be provided by your Principal.

Resiliency and Questions

Please keep in mind that what matters most is **how** we overcome the challenges we face. Working from home for our students, teachers and families poses its own unique challenges. We have a choice to make the best of this situation, no matter how difficult it may seem. However, admittedly, this is difficult, most especially for our Seniors who were just entering spring sports and activities and the final stretch of their academic career. We are working through the question of Graduation/Commencement exercises, senior awards, etc. ***In addition, we will communicate further regarding any permissible plans to pick up personal belongings that may be left in schools.***

As we embark upon this next phase together, toward the end of the school year, let's stay focused, engaged and inspired. Stay connected with your teachers and classmates through the digital tools recommended by your teachers. While it's not the same as being in class, tools such as Zoom, Google Hangouts and Microsoft Teams do provide a way to interact and remain close as a learning community. Ask questions of each other and of your teachers. Stay connected and social in a safe manner. Stay steadfast in your learning to be the best you can be. Most important of all, stay safe and healthy. We have much to be grateful for as we navigate this challenging time together. Thank you for your support.

Be safe and be well,

Donna M. Dunar, Ed.D., Superintendent