

March 27, 2020

RE: Educational Supports for Students and Families

Dear Mount Union Area School District Parents and Guardians:

As you are already aware, on Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf announced all schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will remain closed until after Monday, April 6, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 response efforts. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to communicate with the parents and guardians of our District regarding continuing educational good faith efforts to support all students during the mandated closure due to COVID-19.

To help meet the educational needs of all our students, the Mount Union Area School District is planning to provide Enrichment and Review educational activities beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, using the educational website, Khan Academy and IXL (accessible via the school district's website). For further clarification, the PA Department of Education (2020) defines Enrichment and Review activities as "...informal activities to reinforce or extend students' prior learning. No standards and skills are addressed through Enrichment and Review".

The completion of the mentioned educational activities is not mandated; however, we encourage parents to ensure students are trying to access these activities. The efforts will meet the provision of continuity of education outlined by Senate Bill 751.

It is important to keep our students cognitively engaged during the school closure. In order to support academic efforts within the home setting, the MUASD's administrative team has met and worked with the Director of Technology to launch an all-inclusive online academic enrichment and review page for your students to utilize. The page may be viewed at www.muasd.org.

Please take the time to view our District's website regularly for updates. The District's administrative team will make every effort to keep you updated as we progress through the next couple of weeks. As always, we appreciate your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Amy J. Smith, MUASD Superintendent