



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE

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Mr. James Delikowski ~ District Administrator

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Dear Auburndale District Families,

Warm Spring greetings Auburndale families. As you may already know, our school district buildings and grounds will now be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Although we certainly understand the necessity of this action in order to protect our children, their families, and our entire community, it is nevertheless a very sad reality that we now must face and overcome, together. The district staff will continue to do all it can to help our students learn and grow throughout this situation, focusing our efforts on compassion, patience, and understanding.

Although we continually assess and reassess our approach in order to do what's best for kids, I want to give you a few bullet point updates of our plans and procedures, as of today, so you are aware.

- Instruction will continue throughout the rest of the school year, mostly as it is now.

This means there may need to be another pickup and drop off day, especially for the elementary school.

Watch for updates from Mr. Scharenbroch.

The high school will continue it's "help, not hurt" approach which is a measure to ensure that the confusion and anxiety of what's happening around us does not receive an even heavier weight by what we're doing for our kids. We want to keep our kids learning, but we are as concerned about their emotional health as we are about their pedagogical development. School work continues to be important and required for the high school students, especially if there is need to improve grades. Attendance is also based on work turned in, and course grades are still based on work completed, so unfinished work would result in an "incomplete" for a course, which would then have to be completed for credit. We are doing this to keep learning real, legitimate, and mandatory while accounting for the clear need for compassion and understanding of our students' overall health and well-being.

We will also be in contact with local and state health officials to coordinate a time for students to come into our buildings, if possible, to clean out any items they still need, in lockers or classrooms.

- Seniors will graduate and be honored for their accomplishments.

We are hard at work planning virtual and physical recognition for our seniors on and around our graduation date of May 15, 2020. We also absolutely intend to hold a real, physical graduation ceremony, likely later in

Summer, as soon as it is safe and feasible to do so. We continue to assess the best time and format for this as we receive more input from the federal and state health agencies.

- Food Service will continue through the end of the school year.

We will continue to provide meals for any student in our district with pick up dates of Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. We have also initiated a drive to support our farmers and feed our families by offering donated dairy products on Thursdays during lunch pickup.

- We continue to offer community building opportunities, alongside our educational work, to keep students and families engaged.

The students will be holding a Spirit Week next week, the mascot voting is underway, and our facebook page is lighting up with pictures and videos of at home learning as well as Tractor Day support. Please take some time to send uplifting pictures and/or videos to aubmedia@aubschools.com so we can keep building the community spirit that runs so strong and deep in the district of Auburndale.

Thank you all for your hard work, patience and understanding as we all work through this unprecedented time together. I am continually impressed with our students who are overcoming challenges everyday, our teachers who are working harder than ever to deliver education in a brand new way, and our community which continues to support their school and their students with love, patience and joy.

If you have any questions please contact your teachers or your administrators who are always willing to help. We Are Auburndale! We Are Strong!!!

All the Best - Mr. D

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