



Spooner Area School District

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Dear Spooner Rail Students, Parents/Families:

The COVID-19 public health emergency has had an impact on the school experience of everyone involved. Governor Evers extended the initial closure with the *Safer at Home Order*. President Trump has extended social distancing guidelines through the month of April. While we don't know for sure when school will be able to reopen for face-to-face learning and activities, we're confident that it won't be in the near future. SASD staff members have been hard at work meeting basic needs of children and families across the district.

School districts recently received guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction about long-range planning for remote instruction which *could* extend to the end of this school year. While remote learning doesn't replicate the experiences and connections of students and teachers together in the classroom, it's the best that can be done under the current circumstances.

Remote learning will begin in district-wide on April 20th. This block of instruction is designed to run until the school closing order is lifted or until the end of the 2019-20 school year, whichever comes first. During these next two spring-break-shortened weeks, the dedicated and hardworking SASD staff are working to provide units of instruction, learning materials, technology, communication avenues and other learning supports to help facilitate learning for as long as students are away from their schools. This remote instruction provides for all students regardless of age, location, disability or access to a computer or the internet.

As you can imagine, learning activities will look different based on grade levels. You'll soon receive communication from your school that will provide detailed building-specific remote learning information. You'll also receive information about technology pick up for those who need support with devices or content.

I encourage everyone to check the COVID-19 portion of the SASD website for information updates as they are available. This is the best source for school-related information during the public health emergency.

These are challenging times for everyone. Please know that all of us at the SASD are wishing health and safety for everyone in our community and everyone affected by COVID-19 across the world. Please do all that you can do to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy. I look forward to the time where students, staff members, families and the community can all be together again to take part in learning and activities – Go Rails!

Sincerely,

Dr. David Aslyn

Superintendent