

**To: All Staff and Families**

**From: Dr. Flip Herndon, Superintendent**

**Date: March 31, 2020**

**RE: Updates – Distance Learning & Spring Break**

There have been several guidelines from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) that have recently changed, and I wanted to keep you abreast of these changes.

### **Distance Learning**

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has provided new guidance on continuing education for students during the time of school closure. Although schools are closed and not providing in-person instruction, education must continue.

During this school closure, Tukwila School District remains dedicated to ensuring education continues for all students. This is not a replacement for classroom instruction, nor will these activities be graded.

**Grading for Students:** Student grades will not be negatively impacted by the school closure. This means that the student's grade as of March 13<sup>th</sup> will not be lowered during the school closure. Students who work with their teacher to make up missed work, or re-do work that is not at standard, can improve their grade.

### **Foster High School**

Tukwila School District is now offering a program that will put technology into the hands of students attending Foster High School. The District will be distributing Chromebooks and/or Wi-Fi Hot Spots to students who cannot access the internet outside of school. If your student needs technology assistance to continue learning, please click here ["Request for Technology Form"](#). Once the completed form has been submitted, your request will be processed. You will receive a confirmation of your request along with instructions on how/where to retrieve a Chromebook and/or Wi Fi hotspot device from the school district.

Teachers will be reaching out weekly to students through email, google classroom and google voice to ensure that students are continuing to engage in learning activities. Teachers will develop alternative learning activities for students who are not able to access technology. These activities will be made available the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up at meal distribution locations.



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### **Showalter Middle School**

Teachers will be reaching out weekly to students through email, google classroom and google voice to ensure that students are continuing to engage in learning activities. Teachers will develop alternative learning activities for students who are not able to access technology.

Beginning Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> educational packets will be available for student pick up at the school buses located at the school building parking lot between 10:00 a.m. and Noon, Monday through Friday.

### **Elementary Schools**

Teachers will be reaching out weekly to families through email, google classroom and google voice to ensure that students are continuing to engage in learning activities and to provide families with strategies to support students in mastering skills that have already been introduced to students.

Beginning Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, education packets will be available for student pick up at the school buses located at each school building parking lot between 10:00 a.m. and Noon, Monday through Friday.

### **Spring Break**

Spring break is scheduled for the week of Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Student meal support, as well as childcare services will continue during this scheduled break.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to continue to support our students.

Be safe and stay well.

Flip Herndon, Superintendent