

## Littleton Public Schools

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Dear Littleton Families,

We realize that these are incredibly difficult times for all of us throughout our nation as our country makes every attempt to "flatten the curve" of COVID-19 and slow its spread. Family and work-life for most of us has changed dramatically. Our daily dynamic has been upended in ways we never could have imagined. It all feels surreal and unsettling.

As we move forward we continue to recognize the need for flexibility in everything that we do. Guidelines continue to change, and we must adapt daily.

This week we implemented our second phase of providing enrichment opportunities by grade span. During the week many staff have jumped in and offered additional enrichment resources to their students and have also connected with their classes. Staying connected to each other is so important during this time and is something that we will continue to do as we reflect and evaluate how to best meet the needs of our students.

On Monday, March 30th, we will begin our third phase of enrichment resource implementation, which will involve our staff providing enrichment opportunities that are tailored to the grade and course level. These enrichment activities will be found on the LPS Optional Enrichment site. Our staff have worked hard to provide a variety of opportunities for our students that include technology and non-technology based options while incorporating student choice. At this time students will not be assessed, however, teachers will provide feedback to students in order to maintain the academic connection. As per guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, these enrichment activities will continue to be optional.

As per the Governor's press conference today, schools will remain closed until May 4, 2020.

We continue to have ongoing conversations with the State Commissioner of Education specific to providing additional guidance as a result of the extended school closure. Our district leadership has begun and will continue discussions specific to how this will affect Littleton

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Public Schools. As per Commissioner Riley's update during today's press conference, we expect to receive further guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the next few days.

Our food service staff will continue to provide meals to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00 AM at Littleton High School. Using a 'grab and go' format, breakfast and lunch meals are available in quantities that can provide for up to a week. We would like to extend our gratitude to our food service staff for ensuring that our students have access to meals throughout the school closure.

We thank our families and faculty for your continued support during this ever-evolving health emergency. We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available. Our families are the most important component in our lives, and right now our focus must be on keeping them, and ourselves, healthy and safe. We empathize with each of you as you navigate your own wave of new, different, and unanticipated challenges.

We continue to do what we can to help support our community during this time. We will find our way through this and collectively we will come out stronger on the other side.

Best regards,

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