

AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

In Pursuit of Excellence

Patrick D. McCabe Superintendent of Schools

Dear Akron Parents and Families,

First and foremost, your children and the greater communities' health and safety is of the utmost importance to us. We recognize that this is a time of uncertainty and heightened anxiety. As an administrative team, we want to assure you that we are working collaboratively to bring you the most up-to-date information and resources you may need in the weeks to come.

As you heard yesterday, Akron Central School District has been closed until April 20, 2020. All three buildings have developed a plan to provide continuity of instruction while we remain closed. We are also working on the logistics to arrange for safe pick up of only essential materials and supplies. Each building will send out specific instructions for picking up educational resources. We will be in frequent communication with you via Power Announcement phone calls, email, and/or a text message as well as the Akron webpage. For additional information regarding food service, please see the attached letter here. Meal Pickup Information

Below is a brief description of each building's plan below:

Elementary School: In the Elementary building, teachers have been working diligently to create plans which allow your child to review critical skills and strategies which have been previously taught throughout the year. Students in grades Kindergarten, Fourth, and Fifth were sent home with their chromebooks on Friday (unless they were absent or dismissed early). We are currently coordinating plans for collection and distribution of chromebooks for First Grade, Second Grade, and Third Grade. Students may be asked to complete their assignments using websites such as IXL, RazKids, NewsELA, or other websites students regularly use in class. We are also working on compiling a list of additional educational websites which you and your child can access at home. This list of elementary websites will be posted on the elementary homepage link, "Virtual Learning Academic Resources," on the left menu.

Middle School: Students in grades 6-8 will be given supplemental educational materials to study and practice at home. The supplemental materials will contain a combination of paper based and computer based (Chromebook) work. Any time school is closed, one of the most important skills you can apply to remain academically sharp is to read. Reading activates the brain and enhances learning. Please refer to the Akron website for a list of educationally appropriate websites that may benefit your son or daughter. On the Akron website, we will post recommended supplemental student assignments.

High School: At the high school level we understand that access to learning resources with a priority on content related to Regents and AP courses/exams is essential. We are currently working on a plan for students in grades 9-12 to be given supplemental educational materials to study and practice at home. The supplemental materials will contain a combination of paper based and/or computer based (Chromebook) work. In addition, many teachers are providing assignments to assist in new learning in preparation for Regents or AP Exams. Please refer to the Akron website for a list of educationally

appropriate websites that may benefit your son or daughter. On the Akron website, we will post recommended supplemental student assignments.

Our administrative team appreciates your patience in this unique and ever-changing time for all of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of us in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

The Akron Administrative Team

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