



# TYRONE

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

I hope that this communication finds you all well and healthy. These are certainly times that have come as an unexpected circumstance for all of us. Everyone's lives have been affected in some way by this national crisis. As the continued education of our students remains a priority, this letter serves as a general overview of the plans that T ASD has put into place for that purpose. These challenging times are forcing us to prepare educational experiences in different ways than we are accustomed, and we fully recognize that nothing will replace the daily, face-to-face impact of teachers and students.

We know that the collective efforts of teachers, students, parents, and our community can give this plan the life that it needs to help students make educational progress.

As of March 30, 2020, Governor Wolf has ordered that Pennsylvania schools are closed indefinitely. With this information, we will move into the next phase of our continuity of education plan. The T ASD Administrative Team has been evaluating this evolving situation on a daily basis and in a systematic manner. We have waited for specific guidance from the PA Department of Education regarding the formation of our educational plan. We have put forth a good faith effort in developing the plan, and we are confident that it will provide educational benefits for our students. Until the time when we can all return to our regular educational environment, we will be providing a continual educational program in the format outlined below. Please know that if the need arises for this plan to change, we will communicate that to you, our families. As we launch new aspects of the program and work through the next few weeks, additional information will be provided by our building principals and teachers.

### **T ASD Continuity of Education Plan Components**

(a full version of this plan will be available at [www.tyrone.k12.pa.us](http://www.tyrone.k12.pa.us))

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period will end on **Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Teachers will finalize grades and contact students if work is eligible to be completed before this time.
- Report cards will be available online (middle/high school) and be mailed (elementary) by **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Students in Grades PreK – 8**

- Optional learning activities will continue to be provided on a weekly basis.
- These activities will be available online (district website) and in paper/pencil format.
- New paper/pencil packets will be available outside of the elementary school (PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and the high school main entrance (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades) by 3:00 pm on Fridays. Parents will be notified if there is a change to this method of distribution.

#### **Students in Grades 9 – 12**

- Planned instruction will begin on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This means that students will be required to log into their Canvas account and check their classes for assigned work.
- Work will be required and graded.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup> will be used to finish the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period and begin assigning work for the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period.

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- Students who do not have internet access will be provided with their work in paper/pencil format. More communication about this method will be forthcoming.
- At this time, we are unable to allow students into the building to retrieve items in their lockers. Teachers will work with students to ensure that they have the materials that they need.

### **TASD Teacher Office Hours**

TASD teachers will provide office hours via phone and Zoom/Google Meet/Other web conferencing, and email. Specific hours and directions for access will be posted by each building and its teachers. These office hours will be open to both students and parents.

### **Technology Survey**

**If you have not already done so**, please complete the **TASD Technology Survey** below. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to respond to the survey via phone, please call the district at (814) 684-0710 and leave your name and phone number for school staff to return your call. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDNfda-2APa3KF7shyzDwNdtjWrIIUdB3rw1IQi0ApYR-9IA/viewform>

Some low and no cost internet options will be posted on the district website if you are looking for internet access, including a note that district-issued Chromebooks can receive Wi-Fi signal from the district parking lots.

### **Middle School Chromebook Distribution**

We will hold a Chromebook distribution for middle school students on the following dates and times:

**Friday April 3, 2020 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**  
**Saturday April 4, 2020 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Parents may drive into the loop at the Middle School main entrance. Staff will be on hand to take the student's name and birthdate and distribute the Chromebook that the student normally uses during the school day. Parents and students are asked to remain in their cars.

At this time, we are not distributing devices to elementary students.

### **Meal Distributions**

Meal distributions will continue on Mondays and Thursdays. While an RSVP isn't required, it is strongly suggested so that the proper number of meals may be available at each distribution site. Meal survey link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduWodnYVD1z0nH-nr\\_cFJvOGBelm8iOhtL\\_npLRYg22HghSg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduWodnYVD1z0nH-nr_cFJvOGBelm8iOhtL_npLRYg22HghSg/viewform)

The entire staff of the Tyrone Area School District continues to work extremely hard to serve our students. We want to thank our parents, families, and community as we embark on this next phase of education. It is our continued hope that we will be able to return to a sense of normalcy sometime soon. That being said, additional information regarding the school calendar will be issued within the next few weeks.

Please feel free to contact district personnel at any time with questions or concerns.

I wish your family good health!

Sincerely,



Leslie A. Estep