



OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“Sailing Towards Success”

April 6, 2020

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Good evening! I hope this email finds you and your families in good health. As we continue moving through these new uncharted waters as a result of our nation’s health crisis, I wanted to share a few items with you. First, staff and administrators have been working diligently this week to prepare for Phase 2 of the District’s Teaching and Learning Continuity Plan which will be implemented this **Wednesday, April 8th**. As I indicated to you in last week’s email, each building will develop a customized plan to meet the learning needs of their students. Principals will send out the major components of their plans to you tomorrow with teachers contacting their students with specific grade/class instructions. Please watch for these emails.

In Phase 2, the District is moving to a more robust teaching and learning model which will utilize a variety of online learning platforms as well more traditional approaches. Many of you have been contacted by your administrators and have picked up a device (i.e., laptop, iPad) for your child/children to use at home. If you have not done so yet, it is not too late. However, please reach out to your child’s principal tonight or at latest tomorrow morning to ensure that your child has the technology he/she needs.

Furthermore, I’d like to remind you that *Grab and Go* meals are available daily for pick up at the High School. To take advantage of this, you simply need to be a resident of Oxford and have a child 18 years of age or under. However, please note that no meals will be distributed this Friday, April 10th, as the District will be closed in observance of Good Friday.

Also, as I mentioned in last week’s correspondence, the remote learning “school days” in **Phase 2 begin Wednesday, April 8th and run through Friday, May 1st**. Presently, there are no “school days” scheduled for April vacation week (April 20-24). However, last Friday the Commissioner of Education gave school districts the option to locally determine whether or not a district wished to continue schooling during April vacation (Tuesday-Friday as Monday is a state holiday). A district that elects to continue schooling during vacation week may count these four days toward meeting the 185 school year requirement, thus ending their school year on the 181st day. As this decision is a local decision, it is determined by the Oxford School Committee who will be discussing this option at its upcoming meeting. I anticipate that I will have an answer on the 13th which I will communicate to you the following day.

Finally, while we do not know whether Governor Baker will be extending school closings beyond May 4th, what we do know is that we will all get through this and that there will be better days ahead with a return to normalcy. Oxford Public Schools’ staff and administrators will continue to teach and to reach out to your children utilizing a variety of mediums. However, to avoid the isolation and anxiety that all of us feel, I urge parents and guardians to also reach out to us. If you need help, if you are feeling overloaded because you are juggling work with helping your child, or if you simply have a question, we are here. The staff and administrators in this District deeply care about Oxford children and families. As always, you can reach me at knash@oxps.org if you have questions. Stay safe! Be well!

With warmest wishes,

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