April 11, 2020

Dear Hazel Park Schools’ Families and Community,

I hope you were able to enjoy some sunshine and warmer weather during this Spring Break. I know this week and weekend will feel different without being able to celebrate Passover and Easter with full family gatherings. I know how important family is during this time of year, and my wish for all of you is to find a way to connect with those you love, whether it is a phone call, text, video chat or notes in the mail.

Schools are not just about academics. Schools are about relationships, connections and a sense of belonging. Even though we will not meet again in our classrooms until the fall, we can still embrace these wonderful attributes about school. Relationships continue with teachers via video and email. Connections with classmates continue with SeeSaw, Zoom and more, as well as texting and social media connections.

**Continuous Learning Plan**
Over the past few weeks, our Curriculum Writer’s team has been creating and completing the Continuous Learning Plan which we submitted to Oakland Schools on Thursday and which was approved yesterday, ahead of the April 28th deadline required in the Governor’s order. The Continuous Learning Plan outlines what new learning will look like for the remainder of the school year. The plan addresses the critical pieces of learning that will help students be more prepared for the next grade in the fall. While school will not feel the same, what is important about school is the learning and the community will continue. This plan is approved and is placed on our website for your review. Shortly, a more detailed continuous guidebook will be available.

New learning will look different at different grade levels. It will also look different in every home. Engagement in the lessons will be different family to family and student to student. And that is ok. We ask that you do your best and encourage your child(ren) to engage with their teachers and the new materials being presented.

This upcoming week, April 13-17, teachers will be in online training in the mornings and planning in the afternoons for increased structural learning that will begin the week of April 20, 2020. They will be working hard to make sure every student is connected and every student feels like they belong in the online community. Students should have downloaded materials for this week from google classrooms, our [Hazel Park Website](#) or student’s packets that were picked up by appointment.
For students who completed their enrichment work over the last four weeks there are three paths for turning them in: Google classroom, scanning (CamScanner is a great free app) and emailing to your teacher, and our new Packet Drop-off Box located in front of the Ford Administration from Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. There will be containers to drop these packets in the front of the building. Please do not come to the front door, we can only allow essential workers in the building. Please make sure your student's name and school is on the front of the packet and the packet is secured together. You can drop off packets as they are completed and your student's teachers will reach out with feedback.

Of course we understand that not everyone has received their device yet, has a printer nor has access to internet services, which is why we continue to offer learning packets. These packets along with the ones being picked up on Monday and Tuesday are for the week of April 13th’s Continuity of Learning. At this point, all appointments for April 13 and 14 are scheduled but if you still need a packet, please email stephanie.dulmage@hazelparkschools.org. The packet drop-off boxes will be switched out every day and then stored for a day before being touched. We project this will be our routine for packet drop-off throughout the rest of the school year.

We are now scheduling packet pick-ups for Friday, April 17 and Monday, April 20 for the week of April 20’s Continuity of Learning. Progress reports for students with special needs will be available for pick-up on Friday as well. Please schedule your time. For April 17 click here and for April 20 click here. Again, we are trying to reduce our copying but will do everything we can to make sure your students are moving forward. If you have any questions please email me about packets at amy.kruppe@hazelparkschools.org. We ask that anytime you come to our buildings that you consider wearing a protective mask and gloves as we are all working to stay safe during this time. Please place a sign in your dashboard or taped to the window with your child or children’s names. This will ensure our pick-up line moves quickly and efficiently.

**Devices and Internet Access**

I am proud to say that our IT department delivered 75% of the devices of which our families have indicated they need in our internet access survey. If you have not already taken this survey, and your student has a need for a Chromebook, please take this Internet Access Survey. While we still have some to deliver, we forecast deliveries will be finished by Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Comcast & AT&T, and these services providers are continuing to look for ways to support our community with connectivity. If you have questions, reach out to me at amy.kruppe@hazelparkschools.org, and I will forward your request to the right person. In the interest of social distancing, if you have the resources to be able to print your student’s learning materials, we encourage you to do so which will help us limit possible exposure to our
staff and volunteers. While it warmed my heart to hear of Dr. Dulmage and our incredible staff passing out packets yesterday and of you with your cars lined up with the names of our students in your dashboards, we must do everything we can to limit exposure which is why we have put such effort into getting Chromebooks to your student/s. Please try to use your device to work on your school work if possible.

**Free Breakfast and Lunch Continues**

As we continue to limit community exposure while still providing essential services, beginning Monday April 13, our pick-up and delivery schedule for our free breakfast and lunch will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to accommodate breakfast and lunch for all seven days. Pick-up times are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at United Oaks Elementary, Webb Elementary and Hazel Park High School.

Meal deliveries, in the case of disability or illness, can be scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by emailing HPNutrition@hazelparkschools.org or calling Lisa Chrouch-Johnson at 248.658.5525 by 3 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Remember to include: your name, number of children, address, phone number and days requested.

**Communications**

If you know of someone who is saying they have not received our updates, please help them connect to me at amy.kruppe@hazelparkschools.org. Receiving these updates is crucial to keeping your students on target for learning during this time.

Parents and guardians, we could not be more grateful for your support during our transition to online learning. Thank you for all you are doing to support your children academically and emotionally, while you continue to work and manage the ever changing information during this COVID-19 pandemic.

As a reminder, please follow the Governor’s Stay Home, Stay Safe order even while the weather improves, wash your hands frequently and remember to take time to decompress every day. You are doing an amazing job with your children. Keep on the lookout for a new schedule starting on the 20th. We miss all of you and can not wait to celebrate with you when we are safely ready to be together.

With Students In Mind,

Dr. Amy Kruppe
Superintendent