

April 17, 2020

To all USD 345 staff and families:

I hope you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and finding ways to make the most of this unfamiliar situation. During this time, as we partner more than ever before, I am reminded of the incredible power of working together. Each one of you continues to do what is best for our students and each other and that is why continuous learning in Seaman USD 345 has been as successful as it has been for many of our students and families. I also realize that as incredible as this innovative project and process is, it is inherently inequitable. We must always strive to ensure that we are meeting the needs of every student and every family in our district. To that end, we are entering the first feedback stage of continuous learning at Seaman and we need your participation.

### **Feedback Surveys**

We are always examining ways to improve this new way of doing school. In order to gain meaningful feedback and deeper insight on your experiences thus far, please take a moment to complete this parent survey (link below). Your feedback will help us make any needed adjustments. Students will also be asked to complete a survey so we can gauge their learning experiences. Students in grades 5 & 6 will find a link to a survey in their weekly bulletin, and grades 7-12 will be emailed a survey from our partnering company, Tripod. Teachers will also be emailed a survey, so we know how we can better support our classroom leaders, during this time. By participating in these surveys, you and your family will be providing valuable feedback to help us make enhancements, as we continue to improve learning while our buildings are closed.

Parent Survey Link: <https://tinyurl.com/SSDFamily>

### **Food Service**

We continue to serve around 600 families each day for meal service and we are so grateful to our staff who make this happen for our community. Beginning on Monday, April 20, weekday meal distribution times at Seaman Middle School will change to 11:00-11:30 am. With this change, all USD 345 meal distributions will be 11:00-11:30 am, including our nine mobile sites. [Click here](#) more information on locations and other area food resources.

### **Student In District and Out of District Transfers**

Since the district office and buildings are not open to the public, the [Transfer Request Application](#) for next school year has been made available as a fillable PDF and can be emailed or mailed, for your convenience. Parents of both in-district and out-of-district transfer students must fill out a new request each year. Applications will be accepted through July 31. If you have questions about the transfer process, please email Theresa Dunham at [tdunham@usd345.com](mailto:tdunham@usd345.com).

### **Summer Camps**

There are still many questions and uncertainty regarding summer camps and summer school in our district, at this point in time. We continue to work closely with state and local health officials as we follow their recommended guidelines. All summer camps and summer school are tentatively scheduled to continue as planned, with the expectation that refunds will be provided, if we have to cancel. Some refunds may be prorated, depending on costs the camp has incurred, as coaches and sponsors begin preparing for kids. Protecting the safety and health of all our students and staff is our first consideration in making final decisions.

### **Class of 2020**

We are so proud of our students and how they've handled this uncertain time and especially proud of our seniors. Our high school administration has been working hard to find a way to properly recognize and celebrate their accomplishments. At this time, we have a tentative rescheduled date for a graduation ceremony and prom. Seaman High School Graduation 2020 will plan to be held on Sunday, August 2, 2020, at 4:00 pm at the Stormont Vail Events Center. The SHS Prom is planned for Thursday, July 30 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at Stormont Vail Events Center, Exhibition Hall. Of course, as with everything during these times, schedules are subject to change, but we will find a way to recognize the many talents, contributions, and legacy of the class of 2020.

While we are all anxious to return to our normal routines, we thank all members of our Seaman community for continuing to be flexible and patient for the safety of our students and staff. We appreciate your support and remain committed to serving our students and families during these unprecedented times, while keeping you informed.

Please continue to check our [coronavirus resource page](#) for public messaging, frequently asked questions, and other helpful resources.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble  
Superintendent of Schools