

April 3, 2020

To all USD 345 staff and families:

I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our students, parents, and staff during this first week of continuous learning. You are all doing exceptional work during exceptional times. Your patience, resilience, perseverance, and grace during this unprecedented time is truly moving and I thank you for your willingness to adapt and work together as we continue to focus on the safety and well-being of our community.

I would like to take this moment to update you on some upcoming changes as we continue to progress through this new challenge of closed school buildings and continued learning.

We have served meals to around 630 families each day. Our food service folks, nurses, security team, bus drivers, and other staff members have all pitched in to keep this essential service available for our kids. We thank you for your patience as we make adjustments to optimize this service for our families. Beginning on Monday, April 6, the grab-and-go drive thru meal service will operate out of Seaman Middle School only. This change was made after the addition of nine mobile sites (seven in the Logan area). Folks in the Logan attendance area are welcome to pick up meals at any mobile site or the SMS drive thru. [Click here](#) for more information on the location of the mobile sites and other food resources in our community. New regulations now allow an adult to pick up a meal for a child.

We will also be offering a limited home delivery service for those who meet the following criteria: 1.) The family qualifies for free or reduced lunches 2.) No transportation is available or the family is in a quarantine status and can't make it to a site. Please email kkabus@usd345.com for this request and all other lunch/breakfast questions. In the event of severe weather, meal service will be suspended for the day. We will notify families through social media, email, and text if this happens.

Thank you to everyone for filling out the tech/internet access survey. Our first round of district-issued device distribution is complete. All families should now have at least one device per household with USD 345 staff and secondary students sharing devices with their family. If your family is having trouble with continuous learning, due to a lack of access to additional devices, please let your classroom teacher know. They will either make accommodations or make a request on your behalf, after communication with the principal, to borrow a district-issued device from our technology department. The second round of district device distribution will be loaned out based on need and by principal's requests. We have also been made aware of several internet access opportunities available from local providers in our community. [Click here to view these offers.](#)

New answers to your frequently asked questions have been added to our [FAQ page](#). Please continue to submit your questions through the online form so we can answer and post for

everyone's benefit. With news changing daily, answers may change as we keep the health and safety of our community in mind.

Together, we have accomplished many things in a very short amount of time. There is no doubt we will continue to come across obstacles as we finish the year in an unconventional way but with grace and patience we will grow stronger, together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble
Superintendent