

Continuity of Learning

This week, district staff members began working to distribute remote-learning activities/materials for students. This part of the process is challenging, and our staff members are meeting that challenge. Yesterday, our office staff began contacting every household in the District to determine if our students have access to 1) internet service, and 2) an electronic device that is suitable for teaching/learning. As our staff members begin providing instruction remotely, please don't hesitate to contact the school office if your child(ren) need hard copies of materials or if you have any questions/concerns. We are here to serve our students, and we'll help you do your part of home-based learning.

Connection

Even though learning is very important, our biggest emphasis over the next few days/weeks is keeping connected with our students. Although we can't be with them every day as usual, we want to make sure that our students know that:

1. We're here for them;
2. We're taking care of adult-size problems;
3. They don't have to worry—adults will take care of them;
4. We want what's best for them; and
5. We love them very much!

Over the next few days, please convey those simple facts to them for us as much as possible.

You can help us expand how we convey that message, too. Here's how—a small group of our staff members are working to establish social media messages to help encourage and support the SV196 community during this unusual time. To help us in that endeavor, please post photos, funny things your children say while at home, videos, resources, and other school-connected topics on social media platforms, and use the hashtags “**#maroonstrongertogether**” and “**#ILschoolsstepup**.”

Additionally, as your child(ren) begin their remote-learning, please share photos & stories on social media using the hashtags shown above. Your experience and process might help others who have questions/concerns or are feeling overwhelmed. We will get through this together!

Make a Plan

The most frequent question I've received since Friday is, “Do you think we'll come back to school on **April 8th**?” The best answer I have is, “I don't know.” What I am sure of is this—now is the time to make a contingency plan for your family. Now is the time to make childcare arrangements, just-in-case.