



## District Services Center

### SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS

*High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.*

**March 23, 2020 - Subject line: COVID-19 Update: Extended flexible learning March 30-April 9, 2020**

Spring Lake Park Schools Families:

Over the weekend, nearly all families in the district picked up essential learning materials at our schools. Students now have the technology and materials they need for extended flexible learning. Thank you all for making the pickup process efficient, safe and respectful.

While the Governor hasn't yet announced how schools will resume March 30, we anticipate he will announce plans soon. After consulting with the Commissioner of Education, we have decided **Spring Lake Park Schools will move to an extended flexible learning environment March 30, 2020 through at least April 9, 2020.**

Extended flexible learning will include live, face-to-face interactions using technology tools and a variety of other learning experiences where students interact with teachers and one another and complete their work. There will be information and guidance provided later this week and as students resume learning next week.

#### What to expect this week:

- **No learning assignments will be posted this week; schools remain closed.** The Governor closed schools through March 27, 2020. We are continuing to use this time to prepare for learning to resume March 30.
- **District activities, athletics, programs and services are canceled now through April 12, 2020.** No decisions have been made beyond that point. There are many important events in the spring, including high school graduation. We will hold on making decisions about these important milestone activities until we absolutely must.
- **We will be communicating with you in several ways this week to prepare for learning to resume on Monday, March 30:**
  - Teachers have been and will continue to reach out to make personal connections with students and families.
  - Wednesday, school newsletters will resume and include more specifics about what is coming next week within your school and include things like tutorials on technology tools we will be using.
  - Friday, teachers will share an update in advance of instruction resuming online Monday, March 30, 2020.

Please continue to submit your questions and look for updates on our overall response to COVID-19 at [springlakeparkschools.org/coronavirus](https://springlakeparkschools.org/coronavirus). Look for more information about the plans for Monday as the week progresses.

We've learned over the past few weeks the importance of flexibility in response to changing dynamics. We're all feeling it – in our work, in our schools, in our homes. We appreciate your understanding and support to this point and as we move into these next days and weeks. I'm excited about the learning I'm seeing teachers design for our students.

With gratitude,  
Jeff Ronneberg, Ed.D.  
Superintendent