



March 22, 2020

Dear South Whidbey Families, Staff, Students and Community,

As we begin our new normal, I am encouraged by the response of all of our staff who are stepping up to embrace this significant change in the way we do business. All of our staff are working and the work looks different. Most staff are working remotely. All received an update on specifics from me on Friday and most have zoom meetings tomorrow. Those needing to be onsite have been notified and hygiene and social distancing will be essential. Our school board meeting will happen this week for the first time via videoconferencing (Zoom Webinar).



We are all likely experiencing some level of anxiety for ourselves and our children and our society. I am working to focus on the short term and at the same time planning that our new normal may last significantly longer than the end of April. For now, here are some reminders from last week's SWSD Navigator:

Nutritional services: Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, free "grab and go" meals for ALL CHILDREN AGES 0-18 will be available for curbside pick up at the SWHS between 11am and 1pm or for school bus delivery (as previously requested in the request forms). The menu for these lunches is now available on

[Peachjar linked here.](#)

Instructional Services: Next week, please expect our teaching staff to be reaching out to parents and students to check in with them. We provided [South Whidbey School District Student learning opportunities to maintain connection and skills \(linked here\)](#). We are working through the instructional requirements and expectations from the State to determine the learning opportunities we will provide to students. Please remember that all school buildings remain closed to the public, families and students in an effort to protect our staff that continue to work. Additionally, the school playgrounds remain closed because they are not being sanitized. Playgrounds should not be used since they will not be sanitized.

The March 25, 2020 South Whidbey School District [Board Meeting](#) will be accessible to the public at 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#). The agenda is still available for review on [Board Docs](#). Connect to the Zoom [Webinar through this link](#) via the internet, the zoom app, or by phone (US: +1 669 900

6833). Webinar ID is 462 451 875. The Open Public Meetings Act requires a physical viewing opportunity for members of the public to see the meeting. This will occur outside the district office. You are encouraged to view or listen to the meeting at your home via the zoom connection. Citizens may provide written public comments prior to the Public Comments section of the Agenda via the Zoom CHAT button during the meeting, or via email to board@sw.wednet.edu.

Please take care of yourselves and your families. We are living in remarkable times. Everyday changes occur that affect the way we live. I am continuously amazed at how our community has stepped up to the challenge of assisting each other in this time of need. Thank you for your patience and action to help us flatten the curve to COVID 19.

Sincerely,

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