

Dear Lakeview K-8 Parents,

*“When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves.”*  
Viktor E. Frankl

We are not in control of the COVID-19 situation and it is changing our world. How are we going to change because of this? You have two choices of how you emerge after experiencing a changing event; (1) function worse than before the event, or (2) function better than before the event. You will never function just the same as before. We all have the responsibility to help our students emerge from this experience with new resilience and new skills to be able to function better in the world. It is very easy to look at this situation from the lens of what we have “lost,” but we need to work together to see what we have “gained.”

The Governor’s order this week has canceled face to face school for the remainder of the year, so therefore we are moving to a completely remote system of learning. Let’s be honest, no online system is better than our teachers being physically in front of your kids. What teachers do for online learning from now until June will not be the same, or frankly, as good as what they would have been doing in school. Full online school CAN NOT take the place of highly qualified teachers in classrooms interacting with kids. That being said, that does not mean that all education stops. Education will continue and it’s very important that every student remains engaged. We will continue with the system that was communicated to parents last week but now the work is required towards an end of year grade.

### **Grading**

#### **K-4**

- Teachers will continue using the Fountas & Pinnell Interactive Read Alouds, phonics word study (K-2), and daily Bridges math lessons for the remainder of the school year.
- A revised report card based upon these assignments will be provided to parents

#### **5-6**

- Teachers will be identifying essential standards in English and math for the remainder of the school year that your child will be working towards mastery.
- A revised report card based upon these assignments will be provided to parents

#### **7-8**

- Teachers will be identifying essential standards in every class for the remainder of the school year that your child will be working towards mastery. You will receive a report card at the end of the year on those essential standards.
- Students will receive a “pass/fail” grade in all of their classes. Students will need to be active online with their teachers and turn in the assessments required by the teachers in order to receive a passing grade.

### **Chromebooks & Wifi Hotspots**

Chromebooks and Wifi hotspots are available for households that have no computer or internet access. Please call 269-565-3711 to set up an appointment to pick up a Chromebook or hotspots starting on April 8th. The wifi hotspots have a limited data plan, so it is highly recommended to sign up for the Comcast or AT&T discounted plans that have been developed because of the COVID-19 situation.

### **Building Accessibility**

Although the Governor gave limited access to schools, the CDC has recommended that everyone stay at home until April 30th. This weekend Calhoun County had its first death due to COVID-19. In the interest of safety for staff, students, parents, and the greater community we will continue to keep the school buildings closed until April 30th. We will communicate when it is safe to open the buildings for people to retrieve items.

### **Use of School District Fields & Playgrounds**

Under the Governor's current "stay at home" order, no one should be using the school district athletic fields or playgrounds. Playing on the playgrounds or fields does not allow for proper social distancing. You will see some city playgrounds roped off with "caution" tape. The district will not be doing this, but we ask everyone please teach their children social distancing and lead by example.

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With Spartan Pride,  
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Superintendent