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ResponsiveEd Families,

I hope you are all well and adjusting to working, learning, and teaching from home. I have heard from many families who feel busier now, despite limited social and recreational activities. To maintain our physical and mental health during this stressful time, I have been asking staff to take time to unplug from the barrage of information and engage in outdoor activity (of course, follow social distancing). Self-care is important for us as adults and it's important to model healthy behavior to our children.

We know you are receiving consistent information from your campus for ongoing remote learning and, as a district, we are working to provide resources and information related to COVID-19 with an appropriate cadence and tone. We attempt to do this through consistent letters from me and your superintendent, where we share links to important information and helpful resources. To make this information more accessible, our COVID-19 resource page is now available at <https://responsiveed.com/covid-19-resources/>. The site offers links to remote learning opportunities, approved mental health resources, an updated school closure calendar, and much more. If there is a resource that you would like us to add, please email covidupdates@responsiveed.com and we will work to provide that resource to your family and all families.

On Monday, Governor Asa Hutchinson announced that all Arkansas Schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Our teachers and administrators will continue to work diligently to provide remote learning opportunities for children across our public-school choice network. The continued positive partnership between our teaching staff and parents is essential to the ongoing education of our students. Once again, I would like to thank both teachers and parents for their efforts in this very challenging time.

We have all heard from various local, county, state, and federal officials about COVID-19 recently. The below information represents recent announcements related to families with students attending Arkansas schools.

- ACT Aspire Information - Arkansas Secretary of Education, Johnny Key recently announced that students will be excused from taking state and federally required end of year exams. This includes the different end-of-year tests for K-2 students and assessments for students with disabilities. The state-approved alternative instruction plan continues to call for teachers to be available to their students either online or by phone during regular school hours. The [Arkansas Department of Education](#) has the most up to date information regarding school closure.
- Meal Information – We will continue to provide meals for students wishing to take advantage of this service. If your family has an interest in additional meal service options during the closure, your campus has offered the following [meal request form](#).

Simply complete the form and an employee will make arrangements for meal pickup. Breakfast will be shelf-stable items and lunch will be frozen microwavable meals.

- We are working closely with the Arkansas Department of Education to answer questions related to our end of year grading processes and requirements ahead of the 2020-21 school year. In the meantime, please continue remote instruction and we will inform you as soon as we have additional information to share.

As a reminder, Friday remains a holiday across all ResponsiveEd campuses and I hope you are able to spend this special weekend safely enjoying time together. Thanks as always for your partnership and for your ongoing dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Chuck Cook
Chief Executive Officer
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