

March 20, 2020

## Continuity of Education Plan for PT Students

Dear PT Families,

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced all of us to drastically alter our daily lives. For the sake of our community, we must continue to make the changes necessary to slow the spread of this infectious disease. As we navigate forward during this unprecedented time, we will continue to provide important information that you need to know regarding your child's education.

**As we announced yesterday, the District closure has been extended through April 10th.** We have been closely following the ever-evolving guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. As we have already had to extend our initial closure, and we are uncertain as to when we can safely return our children to their classrooms, **we plan to enact our formal Continuity of Education Plan beginning April 13, 2020.** (Note that April 13th is designated as a make-up day on our calendar and will now be a school day for students.)

Our administrators and teachers have been working diligently on academic plans that will provide for the best possible education during this COVID-19 crisis. Prior to our scheduled Spring Break, you will receive detailed information from your child's teachers regarding remote instruction. We are mindful that remote education may present challenges for many of our families. Please know that our Continuity of Education Plan was designed to be used across multiple devices and platforms, does not require siblings to be on-line at the same time (can share devices), allows for non-digital options, provides a path to achieve accommodations as necessary, and provides ample access to your child's teachers. **Please know that our plans for Continuity of Education may change based on new guidance from PDE or more restrictive COVID-19 mitigation measures.**

**Between now and April 13th, families can begin to prepare for the planned move to remote instruction.**

Families without home internet access can use the resources below to secure service during the school closure. Please contact Adam Swinchock at [swinchocka@ptsdwebapps.com](mailto:swinchocka@ptsdwebapps.com) if you need assistance.

### Low Cost Internet Access:

- Comcast Low Cost Internet Services:  
[https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#thingstoknow&all\\_DolliveinaComcastarea](https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#thingstoknow&all_DolliveinaComcastarea)
- Verizon Low Cost Internet Services: <https://www.verizon.com/support/consumer/account/manage-account/lifeline-discount>

### Logins/Passwords:

- Please check to make sure that you have the correct login/passwords for all of the District's online tools.

- Please email Adam Swinchock at [swinchocka@ptsdwebapps.com](mailto:swinchocka@ptsdwebapps.com) if you need assistance with your logins/passwords.

Please continue to follow the recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect you and your family during the COVID-19 outbreak. The safety of our staff, students and community is our highest priority.

During times of fear and uncertainty, our children look to the adults in their lives for a clear and safe path forward. This crisis will end and I am hopeful that we will be left with memories of how we came together for our children and our community.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools