

Dear Middle School Families,

[Revised 1st paragraph]

The District values in-person learning and is making every effort to keep our schools open. As we have stated, two scenarios may affect this: (1) public health authorities close our schools, or (2) we are unable to safely staff our buildings. In the event we must switch to a remote learning model, your child's class schedule will be communicated.

At the beginning of the year, teachers and administration prepared an emergency virtual teaching plan in the event of a whole class, school-wide, or District-wide closure due to COVID-19.

In the event we must go remote-only school-wide, SMS would move the current schedule to a remote environment. Classes would start and end at the designated times according to the master schedule however teachers would have the necessary flexibility to adjust the length of class as needed. For example, they may choose to meet as a whole class for 25 minutes and then have students complete independent work or meet with smaller breakout groups.

Zoom protocols and procedures would be shared and practiced with students. Also, students who need technical support when working remotely would be able to submit tickets to our building technical support help desk.

Thank you,

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