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Ogden Elementary Parents and Guardians,

With the Governor's announcement that Iowa Schools will remain closed through April 30, 2020, I want you to know that Ogden Community Schools remain committed to helping students and families during these challenging times. Pending any further Governor orders, we will plan to re-open on May 1. Based on the current Iowa Department of Education (IDOE) Guidance, our district will continue to provide PK-5th grade Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities (VEEO). This means the learning options are available but not mandatory for students to participate. Per the IDOE, this option will count as instruction and days through April 30th will not need to be made up.

For Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities, you can expect your child's teacher to engage with you in the following manner:

Communication	Your child's teacher/teachers will communicate with students on a weekly basis through a variety of formats. New learning will be provided based on essential standards to encourage continued growth during the closure. Teachers will respond to questions and/or provide support to students within 24 hours of request from either a student and/or parent.
Delivery Method	Grade levels will create weekly lesson templates that will contain tasks for students to engage in. Lesson templates will be posted on the district website on Monday mornings by 8:00am. You will also be able to access grade level templates through our building newsletter.
Learning Schedule	Grade level tasks are being designed for students to engage in approximately 75-90 minutes of learning daily. Tasks can be completed in a flexible format that best meets family schedules and/or needs.
Student Response	While learning opportunities are voluntary, we strongly encourage participation. Learning templates will include review of content and introduction of new essential standards for the grade level. As students complete tasks, they can submit tasks to teachers as noted on the grade level template.
Teacher Feedback	Grades will not be given on tasks completed. Teachers will provide feedback to students on tasks that are completed within 24 hours of submission.

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Supplementary National and State Resources: The Iowa Department of Education has put together a depository of resources for parents to aid in supporting their children at home. You can access via this [link](#) .

Chromebooks for Loan: Chromebooks are available on loan from the district to engage in continuous learning opportunities. Students may use personal devices at home as well. If you need a device, please fill out the following form. Once we have received the request, you will be contacted with instructions about picking up the device. [Chromebook Loan Form](#)

Wi-Fi: At this time wi-fi has been turned on at both the elementary building and secondary building. At the elementary building, please park in the parking spots in the bus zone. At the secondary building you can access the wifi from your car by parking close to the building on the south side. We are asking that people not gather together in groups. Many cell phone companies have added, at no cost, additional data to plans. You may want to check with your provider.

Event Rescheduling: At this time all events and activities are postponed. Once groups are allowed to gather, we will consider which events will be canceled permanently and which will be rescheduled. We will do everything we can to get back to normal as soon as possible. We will keep you updated when we have more information.

Students Receiving Special Services (Special Education, English Language Learners, 504, Title 1, and TAG): Your child's special services teacher will reach out to work with you to discuss how to best support your child during the closure.

Teacher Phone Calls: It is likely a teacher may call to talk to you or your child and the number may appear as blocked, or private. Please answer these calls as teachers won't be calling from a school district number since all are working from home.

Grab and Go Lunch Program: Our lunch and breakfast service will continue during our closure. Families are able to pick up meals Monday- Friday from 11am-12pm in the circle drive at the Secondary Building. Staff members will be serving the meals daily.

Updates: We will continue to use Infinite Campus Messenger, our building newsletter, social media and district website for communication. Generally, we send messages at the end of the day for several reasons. We are briefed from multiple entities throughout the day from the Iowa Department of Education, Governor's Office, and Area Education Agency.

Essential Staff Only: Only essential staff are working in our buildings at this time. The best method to get in contact with people is to send an email. Staff emails are (first name.last name @ogden.k12.ia.us) such as amy.krause@ogden.k12.ia.us.

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We are here to help you. If you have a question here is where to start:

- Technology Support: Jesse Sundell at techsupport@ogden.k12.ia.us
- Instructional Questions: Please contact your child's teacher directly through email.
- Additional Elementary Questions: Amy Krause at amy.krause@ogden.k12.ia.us
- COVID-19 District Information: Visit our district [website](#)

With schools closed through April 30, our goal is to support all learners as best we can. Our staff understands there are challenges and we appreciate the opportunity to work thoughtfully together. If you are struggling or need help, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you again for your support, grace and understanding. We appreciate all the positive feedback. I am proud to be a part of the Ogden Community School District. It is evident that everyone is working together to support all students in Ogden under these unusual circumstances.

Thank you for your family partnership.

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