

# SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear students, parent(s), guardian(s) and families,

## **SASD Elementary School will Shift to Remote Instruction on December 15, 2020**

The SASD Elementary School will shift to remote instruction beginning December 15, 2020. The Jr./Sr. High School will remain open for in person instruction.

The Elementary School is shifting due to case counts, possible evidence of school spread and staffing issues. Please read the following information associated with this change in instructional delivery.

On December 14, 2020, elementary teachers will organize materials, technology and information to send home with students at the end of the day on Monday.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, all elementary students will begin at home distance learning remotely via technology. Students must engage in instructional time during the day for designated synchronous activities and may complete work outside of the school day for any asynchronous activities. Students and families should follow learning schedules provided by the teachers and principal. All elementary students will be at home or other location where they can obtain internet. Students who do not have access to internet will be permitted to be in the building for the purposes of obtaining internet and completing school work. Those students will be supervised during the time they are at school but will not be reporting to classrooms. Elementary students without internet should call the school office and make arrangements to be at school. Faculty and staff will report to work and work from their rooms or designated location. All Health and Safety Plan protocols must be followed while at school. Six feet of social distancing and face coverings will be required. Faculty and Staff should not congregate for any reason. Transportation runs will still operate to pick up Jr./Sr. High School students, designated elementary students for school and elementary students who need to use school internet. Transportation will also be used to deliver meals. Breakfast and lunch for the day will be available for pick up at your regular morning transportation stop. Elementary students must be at the regular morning bus stop at the regular time to pick up meals from the bus. Parents who wish to have meals delivered to the bus stop must call Mrs. Zeigler, cafeteria manager, at 887-5545 and arrange for delivery. Lunch and breakfast for the next day will also be available for pick up in the High School Gym circle from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. All sports, after school and extra-curricular activities are cancelled at the Elementary School during the shift to remote learning.

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High school students, who may be needed at home to assist with child care for younger siblings, will be permitted to change to remote learning. Families who need to use this option may call the Jr./Sr. High School Office at 887-5545 to arrange the change to remote "At Home Distance Learning".

As of now, all students at the Elementary School will return to school on January 4, 2021 for in person instruction. Please check [smethportschools.com](http://smethportschools.com) and pay attention to any alerts announcing an extension of remote learning and any changes in this initial plan. **Students who are ill or who have been exposed to COVID-19 over this time period should not report to school on January 4, 2021.** During this phase of remote learning, we request that families report any cases of COVID-19 to the school nurse by calling 887-5012 for the Elementary Nurse, Mrs. Costa. We remain very concerned about our children and families and can help with COVID-19 related questions. We still need to monitor the health and wellness of our students.

Everyone at SASD realizes that these are difficult times and that the shift to remote learning causes child care issues for families. We would prefer to have all of our students here at school and deliver in person instruction. Unfortunately, the pandemic situation and staffing issues have dictated otherwise. The good news is that our faculty and staff are prepared to deliver remote instruction via technology and our students have had four months of in person instruction and an opportunity to practice utilizing technology.

Hopefully, the shift to remote learning is temporary and our elementary students are back to school in January. We encourage everyone to adjust their lifestyle to help mitigate the virus so that our health care systems can care for those who are ill and need medical attention. Enjoy the holiday season with your immediate family and stay safe.

Please monitor our website [smethportschools.com](http://smethportschools.com) under "Latest News and Information" for updates regarding our situation and thank you for your understanding, patience and support!

Sincerely,



David London