

March 23, 2020

Dear ER9 Families:

I hope that this letter finds you well and managing these strange times with the support of those around you. As Dr. McMorran has said so many times over the years, we are a community of learners, learning to care for ourselves, our community and our world. This week, all ER9 schools will transition to a Distance Learning model of teaching and learning. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff have been working hard to prepare learning experiences that recognize the need to balance re-engagement with learning and structure, with our Easton, Redding, and teacher families' need for some flexibility.

Teachers and building principals will be in touch with school-specific information. The linked document at the bottom of this communication provides an overview of what to expect in the days ahead. Each school will continue to take attendance, with the flexibility of students/parents checking-in any time within the 24 hour period each weekday. This will take some schools a couple of days to get up and running. If a student is sick, please continue to use existing methods to report this type of absence.

Distance Learning Goals:

- To maintain continuity of learning in a digital environment.
- To maintain as many existing systems and processes to provide continuity for staff and students in a digital learning environment.
- To maintain the requirements of the State Department of Education to provide an equitable and ongoing education.

The Distance Learning plan that will begin during the week of March 23 will continue to evolve as we all find a rhythm to this model. The building teams will gather feedback to learn what's working well and what's problematic. We will send out an update at the end of the first week with any changes to the overall plan.

[ER9 K-12 Distance Learning Plan](#)

Sincerely,

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