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IMPORTANT LINKS

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An Important Message for Our South Kingstown Learning Community (update #7)

We will NOT HAVE SCHOOL IN the school buildings of SOUTH KINGSTOWN for the weeks of March 23 and March 30. These weeks of March 23 and March 30 will be virtual learning weeks. We will be using our recently developed virtual learning plan. The Governor, RIDE and RIDOH said that they will review this after the two weeks. They also shared that it is likely that we may be out longer. These two weeks are NOT a vacation. They are school days and they will count as school days.

Members of the South Kingstown Learning Community have been hard at work developing our SKSD Virtual Learning Plan and identifying key practices for successful virtual learning. Please continue to learn more by downloading our overview document here: <https://www.skschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=41512412>

We know that the transition to a virtual environment will be uncomfortable. We will have large learning curves. We are working to make sure that real-time face to face conversations are a significant piece of a our virtual learning. We are also making sure that our virtual learning will take place in front of a computer AND away from the computer. In order for us to be successful we will need everyone's help. We will be sharing additional information in the coming days.

I would like to share my sincere gratitude for our SKSD leadership team and technology department. This team has worked tirelessly in preparation for virtual learning. We want our plan to be the best it can be for our children. We do NOT want a mitigation plan but instead a plan that reflects the amazing learning community that we are....even in the most challenging of times.

In closing, please know that I am confident that our learning community will get through this together. We will continue to communicate and provide whatever supports our staff and students need. As always, please reach out if there is anything we can do for you. Stay well.

Sincerely,

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Important Contacts & Information

- People with **general, non-medical questions about COVID-19** can visit www.health.ri.gov/covid, write to RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov, or call **401-222-8022**. This is the COVID-19 Hotline that RIDOH has available to the public. The Hotline will be staffed this weekend from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday. (After hours people are being directed to call 211.)
- People in need of **any type of mental health supports** are encouraged to use the one-stop, statewide 24/7 call-in center that connects people to appropriate care and resources (for you or someone that you care about is experiencing a behavioral healthcare crisis) **401-414-5465**
- Please take a minute to **view this great resource about managing Coronavirus / COVID-19 anxiety**. <https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/pandemics> It is something that we ALL should think about. **This includes how we should speak to our children about it.**
- Please take the time to visit **our website for more helpful resources and information** at https://www.skschools.net/departments/health_services/c_o_v_i_d-19_information



The Jonnycake Center will be providing meals during this vacation week. The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale helps households put food on the table when they are struggling to make ends meet. The main office is 1231 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, R.I. The website is <http://www.jonnycakecenter.org/>