



# SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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## **An Important Message for Our South Kingstown Learning Community (update #8)**

***We will NOT HAVE SCHOOL IN the school buildings of SOUTH KINGSTOWN for the remainder of March and April. We will continue with our virtual learning until May 1.*** The Governor, RIDE, and RIDOH said that they will review this at the end of April but they have shared that it is likely that we may be out longer. Our virtual learning days are school days and they will count as school days.

***Also, the Governor, RIDE, and RIDOH have shared that we will have professional development days (students do not have school) on April 3 and April 17. We will also have school vacation days on April 9 and 10.*** (SKSD already had a vacation day on April 10.)

Since mid-March, members of the South Kingstown Learning Community have been implementing a virtual learning plan that is grounded in the best interest of our children. Please review our plan here: <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2643750&present=tru>  
The SKSD Virtual Learning Web Site is available here: <https://skschools.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=59443&pageId=41636958>

Today's message has been one of the hardest messages that I have had to share. We have done an outstanding job but we are being asked to do this for a longer time. It is so important that we continue to do this work to keep our children safe, engaged and reassured. While recent days have been very challenging, take a few minutes to reflect on the many successes that we have experienced. I continue to feel so proud to lead a district where our work together reflects the amazing learning community that we are...even in the most challenging of times.

Throughout our virtual learning implementation, we have set our top priority as maintaining connections with our students. These connections will continue as we move through April. We believe that it is so important to have daily real-time conversations with our children. We are proud of the work we have done in the last two weeks and grateful for our most important partner, our families. Our leadership team and teachers, supported by many behind the scenes heroes, have given all that they have. I could not be more honored to be a part of this remarkable team.

In closing, please know that I am confident that our learning community will get through this. It may feel like forever but it is not. We can do it together. We will continue to communicate and provide whatever supports our staff, students and families need. As always, please reach out if there is anything we can do for you. Stay well and be safe.

Sincerely,

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## Important Contacts & Information

- People with **general, non-medical questions about COVID-19** can visit [www.health.ri.gov/covid](http://www.health.ri.gov/covid), write to [RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov](mailto: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](https://www.skschools.net/departments/health_services/c_o_v_i_d-19_information)



**The Jonnycake Center will be providing meals.** 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/>

**The School Department is providing Grab & Go Breakfast & Lunch.** These meals can be picked up at Curtis Corner Middle School from 8 am – 9:30 am and 11:30 am – 1 pm.

