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April 8, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

This letter is to remind you that **Erie's Public Schools will begin mandatory online instruction beginning Monday, April 20.** All students, K-12, will be required to participate in, and complete, assignments and/or projects assigned by their teachers via Google Classroom or another district-approved online platform teachers may already have in place.

We know that many of our families do not have access to the Internet or a device with which to access the Internet. Currently, students can access the EPS wireless network in the immediate area outside most district schools by choosing "SDCE" from the list of available wireless networks on their device and entering their username and password. (See details on enclosed email instructions.) We are working with community partners to expand Wi-Fi access to reach as many students as possible, as quickly as possible. We're also working directly with families who need Internet access, on a case-by-case basis.

We are in the process of loaning Chromebooks to students who need them. If you have not already made a reservation for a Chromebook, or if you need Internet access, call the district's Informational Technology department before April 20 at 874-6801. Department staff can be reached Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The launch of online learning is part of our commitment to ensuring that all of our students continue to receive a quality education while our buildings remain closed. We know this transition may be difficult and a little daunting for some of our families, but we're here to support you along the way. **Please find a list of the most frequently asked questions about online learning and Google Classroom enclosed. We've also included step-by-step instructions on how to access and utilize Google Classroom. This information, as well as a video tutorial, is also available online at www.eriesd.org.**

For general questions related to online learning and the district's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please call our Call Center at 874-6090 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email EPShealth@eriesd.org. For questions related to special education, please email Dr. Angela Kownacki, director of Student Support Services, at EPSSpecEd@eriesd.org. If you have technology-specific questions,

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The transition to online learning requires an extra measure of patience and flexibility from all of us, but it's made easier by the knowledge that we're all in this together. If you or child needs extra support during this time, please know that our counselors from the Student Assistance Program at each school stand ready to help. If you or your child would like to speak to a SAP counselor, please email them through your child's home school. The SAP counselor can provide informal support via phone or email and provide additional resources from the community if necessary. Contact information is below:

SCHOOL	SAP COUNSELOR	EMAIL ADDRESS
Diehl	Stephanie Arrington	sarrington@eriesd.org
Edison	Devon Juliano	djuliano@eriesd.org
Grover Cleveland	Lathasha Cook	lcook@eriesd.org
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Pfeiffer-Burleigh	Amanda Will	awill@eriesd.org
East	Karen Dabrowski	kdabrowski@eriesd.org
Strong Vincent	Carrie Miller	cmiller@eriesd.org
Wilson	Margaret Kruszewski	mkruszewski@eriesd.org
Collegiate Academy	Patti Palotas	ppalotas@eriesd.org
Erie High A-I	Dina Moore	dmoore@eriesd.org
Erie High J-Q	Jill Kirner	jkirner@eriesd.org
Erie High R-Z	Latasha Cook	lcook@eriesd.org
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Thank you in advance for your continued support of your student, your school and this district. Stay safe.

Sincerely,



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