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Dear PSAS Families.

Throughout these last two weeks, PSAS staff have worked diligently and collaboratively in preparation for the implementation of a Remote Learning System that we will begin the week of April 6. For now, this will continue through April 17. Our distance learning team has developed grade and content specific Remote Learning Plans for their students. We will post plans for each school on the PSAS website soon. You can expect direct communication from your students' teacher(s) about what the Remote Learning experience will look like as we return from spring break.

As we have been preparing our digital content, we also encourage families to start preparation at home. This includes ensuring that your student has an understanding of the COVID-19 Virus and how this will affect the next few weeks, a dedicated space for learning, and an internet connection. Our staff has been working to ensure that resources are in place to make this transition as smooth as possible. For families struggling to communicate about the virus to their students, we have added resources to our website, including videos and stories about the the affects of the virus, please visit www.psask8.org/covid19.

We have also worked to compile a list of resources for families that do not have internet access at home.

Home Internet Service:

- <u>Comcast Internet Essentials</u>: First two months free, then \$9.95 per month for qualifying households. Apply online or call 1-855-846-8376
- <u>SECOM Wireless Internet:</u> Special Discounted Pricing \$29.95 for 90 days then can move to desired plan. Visit their website at www.secom.net or call 800-657-7149

Free Public Wifi:

Xfinity Wifi Public Hotspots: free until further notice

Your Cell Phone Carrier

- T-Mobile Customers: Unlimited data for next 60 days, additional 20 GB of mobile hotspot tethering
- Sprint Customers: Unlimited data for the next 60 days, an additional 20 GB of mobile hotspot tethering
- AT&T Customers: Public wifi hotspots open for public use

We will soon be announcing plans for our device deployment for grades 3-8. Please check back to our website for updates at www.psask8.org.

If you need additional assistance, please email <u>info@psas.ws</u>. We appreciate your continued patience and support as we work together on providing continuity of learning for our students.

PSAS will provide an integrated K-8 curriculum based on Paideia principles and anchored in the Arts and Sciences for the success of all students.

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