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Dear Solana Beach School District Families,

I hope you are doing well. The Solana Beach School District (SBSD) is committed to continuing to provide your child with quality instruction through our distance learning opportunities during these challenging times. Thank you for your flexibility and partnership as refinements to distance learning occurs. SBSD appreciates the input and feedback that has been received from students, parents, and staff. We understand there are varying family circumstances at home, and we will continue to make modifications to our distance learning model and access to resources. Below are adjustments being made, a reminder of resources available, and what is on the horizon.

1. Internet Access for Students Using District-Issued Device

Beginning Monday, March 30, students will be able to access the internet using their district-issued device from 6:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on school days only. Originally, the access was from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. This timeframe has been expanded to allow for flexibility at home, while being mindful of the amount of screen time students may have access to. If your family does not have access to WiFi, please [click here to complete this confidential form](#).

2. Posting of Assignments

Beginning today, March 27, assignments from classroom teachers will be posted by 5:00 PM for the next day's work and by 5:00 PM, Friday for the following Monday. Students are not expected to begin the work when it is posted. The purpose is to allow more flexibility for families in their daily schedules. Remember: You do not need to recreate a school day at home - just try to create an environment for your child(ren) to learn and be engaged.

3. Student Well-Being/Daily Check-ins/Social Emotional Resources

Your child's well-being is important to us. Teachers are focused on connecting with all children in their class every day. If you have specific concerns about your child's social-emotional well-being, we encourage you to reach out to our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) team by completing the [SBSD Social-Emotional Check-In Survey](#). Once submitted, a member of the SEL team will be in contact with you within 24-48 hours. We also encourage you to review the [Family Resources for Social Emotional Learning](#) and the [Solana Beach School District Community Resources](#).

4. Why We Are Taking a Gradual Approach to Distance Learning

Our top priority is student and staff health and well-being. During this first phase of distance learning, it is important for families to have time to learn how to access the distance learning platform as well as create home schedules that will support student learning at home. As we move forward, our SBSD Distance Learning plan will continue to evolve as we provide our students with the opportunity to engage in learning for all subjects.

5. District Updates

Please visit the [SBSD COVID-19 Updates and Resources](#) for the most up-to-date information.

6. On the Horizon: Opportunities for Live Virtual Student/Teacher Interactions

Student safety and privacy is a priority. Staff has been proactively working through protocols and guidelines to support the opportunity for live virtual student/teacher interactions. Part of this will require staff training of the tools which best support students. We hope to have this option available soon.

Please look out for Instructional Services communication on Fridays.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Lee
Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services