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Dear Living Sky School Division Families:

Thank you for being patient and supportive during this first week of school closures. Starting Monday, March 30th, school staff will be working from home for the foreseeable future. Teachers will begin to look at alternative learning opportunities for their students; but, more importantly next week staff will begin to reach out to students and families to check in, say 'Hi' and see how students and families are doing. While education is important, the health and well-being of our students, families and staff are far more significant. We want to ensure you are healthy, supported and informed.

We know you are anxious to find out what your child(ren)'s learning will look like during class suspensions. The provincial education Response Planning Team (RPT) has been working to provide school divisions with guidelines for continued learning opportunities. We encourage you to read the attached memo from the RPT outlining those guidelines.

This week, a school division team has been putting together some family-friendly activities for you to use while students are at home. These are meant to be easily accessible, fun optional resources for you to use whenever you'd like. The website will be live on Monday and we will continue to change/update it.

Logon Monday to www.lskysd.ca and click on this image:



Our division's learning plans that will be rolled out over the weeks to come are meant to engage students in learning, not to be a burden on families. We are in this together and we know that some days our best as parents might be making PB&J sandwiches and reading a book at bedtime after juggling a day of work at home with kids underfoot. It's okay. We're all doing the best we can. We are here to support each other and to get through this together.

Information that is more specific to our supplemental learning plan will be ready early next week. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Ronna Pethick, Board Chair

P.S. During this critical time, we continue to ask our families to join us in flattening the curve of the CoVid-19 pandemic by practicing social/physical distancing.