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Dear families,

I trust that you are doing well and staying healthy. I know your email inboxes have been unusually busy for a spring break but I do have some important documents to share.

### **PCCS Distance Learning Plan**

We've been busy over the last week or so developing our Distance Learning framework. It is attached to this email and will also be posted on our website. You will notice that it has a "Last updated..." footer. We have at short notice designed a whole online program and expect it will evolve as we respond to student, educator and parent feedback over the coming days and weeks. The distance learning plan will also be posted on our website. On Monday (a workday for our teachers) there will be further communication about how this will work at each classroom level.

I want to acknowledge the incredible dedication of all the Prairie Creek staff. The distance learning planning period provided to schools overlapped with our spring break. Despite being on break themselves, classroom and special education teachers have this week dedicated many hours towards our schedule design. They have also been busy building their own technology skills and checking in on family needs. Colleen, as always, has been amazing as we puzzled out administrative pieces.

As we have been saying all the way along this a process and we are navigating uncharted territory. We will start slowly in order to attain the best distance learning environment we can for your children in the weeks to come. The distance learning framework will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis in the coming weeks.

[PCCS Distance Learning Plan .pdf](#)

### **How to Make School at Home Work**

We know that supporting children and families over the coming weeks is so much more than constructing an online academic program. Teachers Molly and Michelle M crafted this wonderful guiding document to help families consider ways they can support their children in the home setting.

[How To Make School at Home Work.pdf](#)

### **Child Care**

We continue to collaborate with Northfield District for Child Care options for Tier 1 and Tier 2 workers. See the attached document from Northfield for updated information about how to access this care.

[Northfield Childcare during COVID-19.pdf](#)

### **Free Meals for Children Impacted by Covid-19**

In collaboration with our authorizer, we will continue to provide meals for children. In addition to drive-through sites, Benjamin Bus will also be delivering meals to strategic locations in the school district. See the attached flyer for more information about meals and locations. Our website also has information for families who reside outside the Northfield district.

[NPS Meals Flyer March-April 032620 \(1\).pdf](#)

I feel for all of you all at this difficult time. As a father of three boys, the husband of a self-employed worker and the son of elderly parents, I have tremendous empathy for the personal stress that our families are enduring. Please reach out to me at any time to let me know how I can support you.

In the words of a particularly resilient Brit, when tackling tough times "...it is the courage to continue that counts." Indeed, Winston. Onwards, PCCS families. We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Simon

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