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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **KPBSD COMMUNICATIONS**

Dear Parents & Students,

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and most importantly, your trust in our teachers and staff to continue to hold your student's best interests close as we navigate through these truly unprecedented times!

This webpage is your go-to resource as everyone transitions from interacting with students face-to-face in classrooms to Remote Learning. (*Hint: bookmark it in your browser.*) KPBSD will provide instruction via Remote Learning beginning Monday, March 30, and will continue through May 1, as set forth in <u>Governor Dunleavy's Health Mandate 8.1</u>.

You will find a collection of general academic and support links on this page to help serve the academic needs of K-12 learners. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your student learning, please reach out to contact either the student's teacher or the school principal. You can make contact with any KPBSD staff by calling the school or sending an email. School staff will monitor both phone calls and emails regularly.

KPBSD educators are working carefully to:

- Ensure students have an appropriate balance of online and offline work so students do not spend too much time in front of a computer.
- Define appropriate amounts of work for students to perform in a Remote Learning environment. This link describes workload descriptions, separated by grade spans with time recommendations.
- Ensure every student has access to learning materials and activities, regardless of computer and internet
  access at home. Although delivery of our Remote Learning instruction will primarily take place online,
  parents and students will have access to hard copies of materials as needed. Principals and teachers are
  working directly with parents, and there are various options for both delivery of material, as well as
  returning completed work back to teachers. Work with your student's teacher, or principal, for
  arrangements that work for your family situation.

As school districts around our state and nation begin moving instruction in this manner, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Commissioner Michael Johnson reminded us all that "Teaching is not a location; it's a relationship and action." Regardless of where and how we serve parents, guardians, and students, we are committed first, to maintain and enhance our relationships with parents and students, while also providing the highest quality instruction possible.

There is no question that challenges face us ahead as we navigate this new format of teaching and learning, but KPBSD is prepared, and our teachers and staff are up to the challenge. Working together to accomplish great things is what Alaska has always been about, and we have confidence in our ability to work in partnership to provide the best learning experiences for every one of our 8,500 students!

Sincerely, The KPBSD District Instructional Team