

11/28/20

Dear Families,

As we shift our learning model from hybrid to distance learning, it is important to maintain our positive relationships with students and continue to support learning. We found Zoom to work well in supporting both direct instruction and individual student application during our hybrid learning model. As we make the switch to distance learning, it is important for our teachers to provide "live" instruction and stay connected. Our distance learning model will consist of students participating in live instruction, followed by independent and/or small group practice. It will look similar to the virtual days of hybrid with additional times to deliver and model instruction. Students will be expected to participate in virtual classroom groups using Zoom throughout the day to continue our focus in reading, math, and social development.

A priority during the transition days (week of November 23) will be to create student schedules and coordinating any additional services a student may need (i.e. Title 1, speech, etc). Families can expect to receive schedules from their child's teacher by November 24.

Our continued partnership will make this learning model successful!

Sincerely,

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Zoom Notification

Hastings Public Schools will continue to utilize Zoom for live classroom experiences. It will take all of us to maintain safety and confidentiality, no different than if visiting a classroom in-person. When your child participates, you and your student are agreeing that you will not discuss or share any information about other students in the group and you also agree that during the session no recording or digital image retention of any kind will occur (including posting pictures or video on social media).

Distance Learning Expectations

Please read the following chart that outlines the partnership we need to make Distance Learning a success.

Teachers/Staff	Students	Family Adults
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The grade-level distance learning schedule for December will be shared through Seesaw by November 24. ● Weekly overview or checklists will be shared through Seesaw each Monday by 7:45 am. ● Provide Zoom sessions for literacy, math, and social emotional learning ● Zoom meeting information will be pinned to the top of each student's activity feed ● There will be a combination of paper pencil and Seesaw activities to reinforce learning ● Create a respectful online community ● Communicate with parent/adult about student progress ● Provide students with feedback about what the student did well and how they can improve ● Communicate to parents how to contact you whether by email, phone and/or Seesaw 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow your schedule ● Try your best each day ● Be on time for each Zoom meeting with your class and small groups ● Complete daily assignments ● Connect with school staff when you have questions ● Make sure your iPad is fully charged and ready for each day ● Zoom from a location that reduces distractions ● Check for messages from your teachers on Seesaw every day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If your child is ill and can't participate in their learning day, please contact the school's attendance line (651-480-7391) ● Have a Seesaw account set-up and check in at least once per week to monitor student progress ● Communicate with your child's teacher if work is too hard, too easy or taking too long ● Support and encourage your child to be present for each Zoom meeting and complete learning activities ● Help your child pick a learning location that reduces distractions ● Students should attend Zoom meetings with the least amount of adult assistance necessary (ideally on their own)

Technology Support

All ISD 200 students were issued the appropriate device for their grade level at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year (iPads for elementary students and Chromebooks for 5th-12th grade students). Students will continue to use the appropriate Learning Management System (LMS) for their grade level throughout Distance Learning (Seesaw for elementary and Schoology for secondary students) to check for assignments and messages posted by teachers. [Zoom links](#) will be shared through Seesaw, as well.

Should students experience any issues related to your district provided iPad, submit a technology support request to your appropriate building. If your concern is not tech-related and specific to a class or teacher assignment, please check in with him/her directly.

- [Elementary Tech Help Request](#)

For additional technology related assistance, please see the following documents:

- [Tech Support Contacts](#) - List of who to call if you need tech help
- [Internet Access](#) - Links to reduced cost internet options

School Meals Schedule (from [November 15 Raider Update](#))

When your student begins distance learning, school meals will be delivered to bus stops based on the regular afternoon routes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The decision to align with afternoon bus routes provides the least disruption to student learning time, maintains consistency with transportation staff and for students and families.

More information will be coming about meals for the week of November 23rd. Stay tuned to the Raider Updates.

Beginning November 30, **meal deliveries on the afternoon bus route** will follow this plan for all students:

- **Cohort A:** pick up 3 meals (breakfast and lunch) **each Monday**. Pick up 2 meals (breakfast and lunch) **each Thursday**.
- **Cohort B:** pick up 3 meals (breakfast and lunch) **each Tuesday**. Pick up 2 meals (breakfast and lunch) **each Friday**.

If you need support in finding your child's bus stop, please call 651-480-7003 or the Hastings Bus Company at 651-437-1888.

If your child receives alternative transportation or is in HOA, they can pick up meals at their neighborhood bus stop. For students in the **non-bus zones**, courtesy routes will deliver meals. Please see this Sunday's (11/22) Raider Update for courtesy route meal pick-up locations and times.

If students miss their pick up time, you can stop by the District Office between 8 am – 10 am Monday - Friday to pick up your bag(s), while supplies last. This will be a contactless pick-up.

This meal program, funded differently than our typical school year program, invites any child who is 18 or under to participate. There are not a limited number of meals available to our district and there are no family income requirements to participate. If your child is interested in eating a school meal, they should grab one!

Find elementary and secondary menus on [our webpage](#) or using the NutriSlice app.