



**March 29, 2020**

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families,

First and foremost, I hope this email finds you healthy and rested.

As you know, we will be implementing at home learning until at the very least April 15. However, this date will be reconsidered in the coming weeks but the state and district. I will update you immediately with any changes or new information.

Here is important information needed to guide you in understanding the expectations for home learning:

1. Students should be working in their classes between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm. This is the designated time when teachers are available to answer calls, texts and emails for help. Any contacts outside of this timeframe will be answered the next school day.
2. Students should be working in each of their classes and completing a minimum of five assignments daily. These can be in a variety of classes but must be five or more total.
3. Paperwork is expected to be done. Students can request paperwork from the teacher and it will be emailed to them.
4. TST's and CSTs can be done at home. We request that parents or guardians monitoring the completion of tests for fidelity.
5. Speaking of fidelity, it is important that students take notes, read the chapter thoroughly and highlight important information before attempting a quiz. Students that fail a quiz can reset it one time on their own. The second failure requires teacher assistance. The teacher looks at the time spent completing the chapter and the quiz or test. If it is a very short period of time, the student may not receive credit due to questionable fidelity and will be reset.
6. Any paperwork that needs to be turned it can be scanned and emailed or placed in an envelope and I will provide days that it can be dropped off at the school.
7. For assistance, students can email the teachers. If the teachers do not respond within a 30 minute period during school hours, 8:00am-3:00pm, please send Mr. Douzable at North or Mr. Evans at South an email and cc Ms, Lara.

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Teachers will be monitoring that students are working during the school day. **To be counted present for the day, a student must sign in and complete some assignments.** If they do not, it will be considered an absence.

Please email me, Ms. Lara, if you have further questions or concerns, or if your family has no computer access at home. [tlara@sunedhigh.com](mailto:tlara@sunedhigh.com)

Stay safe and be well! We will get through this!



**March 19,2020**

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students, and Families,

I hope this finds you healthy and staying safe.

## LAPTOPS and ACCESS TO CURRICULUM

After the Governor's announcement, we were under the impression that charter schools would be included in the laptop distribution by the District. However, a clarification was now issued by the District that we are not. Therefore, SunEd High is working diligently to gain access to an inventory of laptops that can be distributed. This process may take some time. In an effort to prepare for this process, please note the following:

-Distribution of laptops will be for students who do not have any computers in the place of residence. (ie, No parent computer or sibling computer that can be used.)

-If there is no access to a computer in the home, please email Tammy Lara, Principal/Director of Education at [tlara@sunedhigh.com](mailto:tlara@sunedhigh.com) with a request to be added to the waiting list. Ms, Lara will be in touch as soon as the laptops are available.

### IN THE INTERIM ....

While those of you without computers are waiting for access to a computer, most students have cell phones and can access their classes through the cell phone. This is not ideal for all the assignments but it can assist in getting some of the quizzes done and reading done until this is resolved.

Stay safe, be well and stay tuned!



March 18, 2020

Hello Parent, Guardians, Students, and Families,

Below you will find the latest information released from the Department of Education. Although we have not received directives on how we are going to deal with some of the resulting processes that will occur due to these directives, I want you to be aware of what is coming and know that I will keep you informed every step of the way. As you know, we are now out until April 15. We are all working from home guiding students on home learning until we return. Next week is spring break and as I stated in a previous email, teachers do have vacation time during that week. Therefore, if you cannot reach the teacher from March 23-27, please feel free to email me and I'll see if I can help until they return on March 30. As of March 30, we continue with email, APEX communication and phone assistance.

Mr. Thomsen has asked me to share his google voice line for any students who need assistance in math....802-242-0682. Please reach out to him if you need math assistance. Mr. Handweg also shared a voice server for help. Contact him at [thandweg@sunedhigh.com](mailto:thandweg@sunedhigh.com) for more information. You previously received all other teacher and staff emails. Please use them for assistance. Work hours are from 8:30am until 3:30pm.

A decision was made to allow students to complete TSTs at home so not to deter students from completing courses while out on extended break. However, it is highly recommended that if the student is taking a TST, the parent monitor for fidelity. They can use notes to help but only their notes, no other devices and no google. We will be monitoring answers that appear copied or plagiarized as we must show student mastery to complete a course. TSTs can be requested from the teacher along with paperwork due.

It is crucial that students are working daily in their classes. Please note that an expectation for each day is that a student complete a minimum of 3-5 assignments per day with a goal of 3 assignments in at least 3 classes daily (that would be 9 total.) If they can complete more, that would be awesome!

It has been brought to my attention that some of our students need access to a laptop and internet. I previously sent the free internet information (if you did not get it please email me). The District is working diligently to provide laptops to those students. I have not received that information yet, but as soon as I do I will get it to you.

I will be addressing each part of the below email from the Department of Education as the District issues directives to me. Stay tuned.

Thank you for your diligence team! Yes, parents, guardians, students, and families, you are a very important part of this team! More to come!

**From:** DOEPressOffice

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:47 PM

**Subject:** Florida Department of Education Announces Additional Guidance for the 2019-20 School Year

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### **Florida Department of Education Announces Additional Guidance for the 2019-20 School Year**

*~ All public and private K-12 schools are closed through April 15, 2020 ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 17, 2020** – Today, the Department of Education and Commissioner Richard Corcoran are using executive authority to support the Florida Division of Emergency Management to ensure Florida citizens are kept safe.

“The containment of COVID-19 is essential, and this is not a decision we made lightly. Districts have taken action and have instituted distance learning as a necessary precaution to protect students, educators, families, and Florida’s overall public health,” **said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran.** “We are working with our local school districts to provide guidance and help children who need access food during this time. Our number one priority is keeping our families safe and healthy and stopping the spread of this virus. These actions will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Florida. I will continue to work with the Governor, Superintendents, Florida College System and the State University System to do whatever we can to protect our children, our families, and our communities.”

Commissioner Corcoran is taking the following actions, effective immediately:

### **School Districts**

- All public and private K-12 and career and technical center campuses are closed through April 15, 2020.
  - Schools are encouraged to operate virtually or through other non-classroom-based means to the greatest extent possible to implement distance learning.
  - School districts should be prepared to extend their educational calendars through June 30, 2020, to the extent feasible and necessary.
  - To support students with identified IEP-related services who may have a disruption in services, school districts are given flexibility for the remainder of the school year to provide alternative services or delay services until later in the summer months, in coordination with a student’s parents and IEP team.

### **Assessments, Accountability and Promotion**

- All remaining assessments for school readiness, voluntary prekindergarten and K-12 assessments are cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Requirements for graduation and promotion, and final course grades will be evaluated as though those assessments which were cancelled did not exist.
- K-12 school grades will not be calculated for 2019-2020 and schools in turnaround may continue their current status for 2020-2021 to avoid disruption to school leadership and operations.
- Eligibility for Florida Bright Futures scholarships shall be based on available data and results. Tests that were not available to be taken shall not be counted.

### **Instructional Hours**

- The Commissioner may reduce required instructional hours as necessary to accommodate for closures.

### **Mass Gatherings and Community Events**

- Commissioner Corcoran urges adherence to the CDC's guidance for higher-risk populations by cancelling any mass gatherings, community events and extracurricular activities, including sports of more than 10 people in a single occupied space at any educational program, school readiness, voluntary prekindergarten, public and private K-12, career and technical centers, and public and private colleges and universities.



March 16, 2020

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students and Families,

As we continue to find our way through the protocol in an effort to protect our families, it is important that we stay in touch and you receive answers to any questions you may have. In my previous email, I provided you with lots of information regarding students accessing their classes and staying in contact with their teachers. I also provided you with the emails for all staff.

Here are some other important pieces of information you may need:

#### **ACCESSING READING PLUS:**

Students: Reading Plus is actually the part of your Reading class that can, could and should be completed even when the teacher is not available, or when there are special circumstances like this week. I reiterate, therefore, that completing your Reading assignments is required this week.

Established students with an account:

- Site code: rpsuned2
- complete you weekly assignments/have a check mark in all your boxes, with special attention to stories and vocabulary.;
- even when you're done with this weeks' assignments, keep going since you have fallen behind tremendously.

Students who recently enrolled/have had no reading orientation:

- you already have a Reading Plus account (I created an account for everyone last week), I just never had the chance to tell you about it.
- go to [www.readingplus.com](http://www.readingplus.com), click on Student Login
- Site code: rpsuned2 South Broward - the site code for North Campus, Margate,

is rpsuned1 .

- Username: your 06 number

- Password: your 06 number

After logging in, your RP will default to a placement test. You'll need headphones.

Here's how you complete it:

- it's a timed test, so make sure you are not being distracted while doing it (it'll take about 30-40 mins);

- do it in a timely fashion because the time you take answering questions, going to the next page, reading, etc. will impact your level placement;

- once it takes you back to your dashboard, please click on the Reading bar, and read 5 stories.

- at this point, you can explore Reading Plus features. You will be getting more messages from me (accessible through the Message tab).

If you are unable to get in following the above directions, please contact Ms. Korpics for South Broward at [rkorpics@sunedhigh.com](mailto:rkorpics@sunedhigh.com) and

Ms. Kat or Ms. Grayson for North at [kkadian@sunedhigh.com](mailto:kkadian@sunedhigh.com) and

[kgrayson@sunedhigh.com](mailto:kgrayson@sunedhigh.com) if you need further help getting into Reading Plus.

#### Mental Health and Broward 211

We are all experiencing some anxiety dealing with this unfortunate circumstance. Some of our students or even family members may need some extra support through these times. Please feel free to reach out to our Mental Health Therapist, Michelle Martin, at [edutherapy4u@aol.com](mailto:edutherapy4u@aol.com). Explain your needs and she will contact you to arrange therapy or direct you to the right service needed.

As well, Brian Bragg (North Broward) or Zedrick Young (South Broward), our Community Liaisons, can assist you with behavioral health services, basic needs, or family support. They have a wealth of community partners that assist with these necessities year round. You can also reach out to Broward 211 for assistance in finding support.

#### Academic Assistance:

As we know how difficult it can be to assist your young adults with their academic needs at home, a special thank you goes out to Mr. Thomas Handweg, our Mathematics Teacher (who is also certified in every subject), who has set up a voice/chat server if students need direct instruction. If needed, please email him at [thandweg@sunedhigh.com](mailto:thandweg@sunedhigh.com) and he will assist you in connecting with him.

Thank you again Mr. Handweg!

#### APEX MESSAGING:

Please note that teachers will be sending messages through the APEX system. They will be displayed when the student first logs in. Please make sure you pay attention and read what the message says. If you have any questions, please email the teacher. Their emails are as follows:

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Some parents have been asking how much students should be getting done daily. Our recommendation is minimum 3-5 daily. The 3-5 assignments can be done in any class on APEX or various classes. Five is highly recommended but if they can do more.....please do!

You should still be receiving the Sunday night progress report that will tell you everything the student has completed for the week. If you are not receiving it, please contact me so I may add your email as a coach in the system.

Next week, those parents and guardians who have a student that is qualified to graduate this year will receive an email with all of the upcoming events related to graduation. If you do not see an email or if you are not sure if your child is graduating this year, please contact me to review his or her status.

I hope all this information helps. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions or concerns. Be safe and stay healthy!





## March 13, 2020

Hello Parents, Guardians, Students and families,

As you may already know, Broward County Public Schools will be closed from March 16, 2020 through the end of spring break on March 27, 2020. SunEd High will be closed as per Broward County guidelines. Schools plan to reopen on March 30. However, please continue to monitor your local news as to any changes that may be made by the Broward County School District.

During this time, here is some important information you may need:

### **Student Access to Curriculum:**

\*Students have access to all of their classes online. The website is [www.apexvs.com](http://www.apexvs.com). They must continue to work in their classes daily so that they do not fall behind. If they need a reset or have questions, teachers will be available to assist through email. Their emails are as follows:

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Students who have reading classes should also continue to work in the Reading Plus Program.

### **School Preparation for Return:**

We are taking every precaution at the schools to make sure that the students return to a safe environment. Both schools are being deep cleaned and sterilized while the students are on Spring Break as per CDC recommended guidelines.

### **Communication:**

Please stay tuned to your local news for updates on decisions being made by the school district. I will continue to send you updates as well throughout the next two weeks through email and parentlink.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at [tlara@sunedhigh.com](mailto:tlara@sunedhigh.com) or 786-255-0894.