



Hello Spartan Families,

We are on day two of our campus closure. It is surreal leaving the campus everyday not hearing the band practicing, seeing teams in the gym and stadium, a library filled with students or an auditorium filled with rehearsals. These are things we take for granted. I felt sad as I drove away today, but know that this too shall pass and that we will be back on campus with business as usual the minute we get the okay.

Just like you at home, we are still figuring out the best ways to make sure your students are receiving instruction. If you were unable to stop by campus either Monday or Tuesday to check out a book from the library, get into a locker or borrow a Chromebook, don't worry, we are here for you. Email me directly and I will set up a time to get you what you need fournier.michelle@tusd.org. Remind your student we are not on break, school just looks a little different right now. They are still expected to "go" and learn everyday. Which leads me to the idea of a schedule. Many of you may be struggling with how to best support your student with this change. Think about helping them set up a daily schedule they adhere to for the duration. Consistency is important, because whether or not they admit it, they appreciate structure! And ask to see what they have done everyday. If teachers and parents are giving the same message that we are here and we are learning, then our students will do just that.

I've said before we are a team, and that couldn't be any more true than right now. Even after two days, the novelty of being home is beginning to wear off, and your student may be starting to feel the effects of this isolation. This is tough for teenagers who live on interaction. So it is very important you help them find good ways to interact with their teachers and classmates. Many teachers have begun holding remote classes through either Google Meets or Zoom. Seeing and talking to their teacher live is an important way to keep them engaged. And some teachers have shared that their students are setting up their own google chat study groups to work together. Check with your student and make sure they are taking advantage of these interactions. They are still in school and need to continue learning, but we can find ways that make them feel less alone.

At the end of the week I will be meeting virtually with staff to assess how things are going. Let me know how things are going from your end at home with your students and together we will continue to adjust as we learn more both about the closure and remote learning.

Thanks again for being such a great community to be a part of,

Michelle Fournier
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