

# School District of Benton

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Dear Zephyr Families and Staff,

I know many of you are stressing a bit over our current situation. We do not want to add stress to your life, but we need to continue to educate our students. With that, please make sure the students under your supervision complete the virtual learning lessons and assignments. They will be held accountable. If your student is having trouble with something they don't understand, reach out to the teacher. The teachers are giving deadlines for work, but they will work with students on an individual basis to make sure work is being completed. Teachers can adjust deadlines if they need to. This is new for all of us. We have a great staff and they will continue to get better during this unprecedented time. Let's work together to make sure the virtual learning process is as a positive experience for everyone.

I am also going to give you an update on the calendar for the foreseeable future:

- Thursday, March 26, 2020 to Friday, April 4, 2020:
  - We will continue virtual learning on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Monday, April 6, 2020, to Friday, April 10:
  - This will be Spring Break. No virtual classes during this period of time.
- Monday, April 13, 2020:
  - We will resume virtual learning on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
  - We will continue virtual learning on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until this mandated shutdown ends. We are still very hopeful that the school year will resume at some point.

All of the employees at the School District of Benton are looking forward to the time when we can get back to normal and see our students again. Thanks to all of you that are working with your students at their homes. We know it is a very difficult situation. I also know all of you are up for the challenge.

Todd Bastian  
Superintendent  
School District of Benton