

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

We are excited for school to begin tomorrow, Tuesday, 8/25 for Grades 1 through 8, Thursday, 8/27 for Kindergarten, and Friday, 8/28 for Preschool. Our teachers and staff have been getting ready for Enhanced Remote Learning and they are looking forward to engaging with their students! We wanted to share a few back-to-school updates:

- 1. <u>First Day of School Information</u>: You should have received information from your child's school or teacher regarding your child's class and the first day of school. If you have not seen this communication, please contact your school directly for details.
- 2. <u>Technology Issues:</u> Please note that we have updated the <u>Return to Learn FAQs</u> on the website to include Enhanced Remote Learning and Technology Issues (including technology repairs and fees). If your child has a technology problem, *please review the FAQs first* as your concern may be easily addressed. If your child is unable to log into their device, google classroom or seesaw, please contact the teacher for help, using the <u>Staff Directory</u> to locate contact information if needed. Please email <u>technology@esd20.org</u> with any other technology issues.
- 3. <u>Internet Access:</u> Enhanced Remote Learning this trimester is <u>not optional</u>. In contrast to the spring, students cannot opt-out of remote learning by picking-up paper packets. Student attendance will be recorded at multiple times during the school day and grades will be given. *If your family does not have access to the internet during school hours, please contact your school or teacher to let them know.* We have several options to help you access the internet:
  - You may be able to use your cell phone as a hot-spot. Data charges may apply, so please contact your provider for specifics.
  - Free Drive Up Wi-Fi Hotspots at the local libraries and other locations
  - Families can sign-up with the District 20 Office to reserve a table in the Spring Wood Commons for your student(s) to access free Wi-Fi during school hours. Reservations are required and an adult must be present at all times, as no supervision will be provided by the district or school. Face Masks, physical distancing, and health screenings will be required. Space is limited due to Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines. Please email mnoyola@esd20.org to make a reservation.
  - We are also working to provide Free Drive Up Wi-Fi for our students from the school buildings. We will
    provide more information as this becomes available later in September.
- 4. <u>Classroom Material Pick-Up:</u> Students at all grade levels will be required to pick-up classroom materials weekly to support their remote learning. These student paper materials <u>do not replace</u> remote learning this trimester. The schools will provide more information to families regarding days and times for your student.

We are looking forward to a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo Superintendent of Schools Keeneyville ESD 20