



March 29, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

As the school systems across our country continue to address the issues related to serving our students with disabilities while respecting the need to keep students, families and staff safe, our plan for the students of AACPS is continuing to develop.

Our students pursuing diplomas currently have access to the resources and activities supporting the continuity of learning through our websites and AACPS-TV, as well as hard copies of activities for those who need them being distributed at the 60 food distribution locations around the county. For our students who are studying an alternate curriculum, we have provided home access to the Unique Curriculum.

As we are preparing for the next steps, you will be receiving additional learning activities in the mail. We have grouped these resources into the following strands:

- Students studying the alternate curriculum
- Birth to 5
- PreK/ECI
- Grades K-1
- Grades 2-3
- Grades 4-5
- Grades 6-8
- Students participating in AACC
- Students participating in Project Search

Upon receiving this package, please select which activities you feel best align to your child's interests and skills. There will also be a variety of activities available to you through the AACPS website, www.aacps.org/elearning that your child can access to support the maintenance of his or her skills in Math and Reading.

Our teachers and service providers are returning this week, and will be reaching out to you. You will work with your child's case manager to develop an Individualized Continuity of Learning Plan which will identify key learning areas to focus on during this time to foster retainment of and the potential growth of skills.

Any student from birth to age 21 who is being served under an IEP is eligible to access three free meals each weekday at any the 60 feeding locations throughout the county. If, due to medical or other issues, you are uncomfortable taking your child out to pick up their meal, please show this letter to the kind servers so that they know you have a student who qualifies.

The Department of Special Education is committed to doing all that we can in the coming weeks to maximize the opportunities we have to engage with our students remotely and to assist in supporting their children's growth. We remain mindful of the fact that not all families have access to technology and that not all students are receptive to that form of communication. We are working steadily to develop a variety

of tools, resources and methods to continue working with our students during the coronavirus pandemic while ensuring the well-being and health of students, families, and staff.

Please know that our concern for the safety of your children and the impact of this time apart remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobbi Pedrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bobbi Pedrick
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