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Dear SPS Families,

I hope you are all well and staying healthy. As a parent, I empathize with how difficult it is to balance supporting my children, while working, and navigating this new reality. Sudbury has incredible educators and strong leaders across all Town departments who are all working together to get us through these uncertain times.

I am sharing Education Commissioner Riley's [letter](#) to families describing the state's recommendations for student learning during the school closure. As he indicates, schools, including SPS, have been working to develop plans for the next phase of learning to respond to the longer closure of schools. SPS has reviewed the guidance and believes that our draft plan not only meets the DESE's guidance but goes beyond.

Sudbury educators and administrators have been working hard to develop "Sudbury Learns from Home," a remote learning plan for delivering content and instruction in a way that is equitable for all students. Guidelines have been set for time on learning within the various content areas, communication, and special education and English as a Second Language service delivery. Resources have been developed which focus on key grade-level and content standards and practices and consolidated learning platforms have been identified in order to streamline families' access to learning materials and ensure student confidentiality. Balancing consistency with opportunities for differentiation and creativity is challenging and families can expect that there will be differences in the ways teachers connect and that we will learn and refine our practices as we become more expert in delivering distance learning. Families can expect more detailed communication from the Teaching and Learning department later this week. Teachers will be sharing new, more teacher-directed, content on April 7th, the day that "Sudbury Learns from Home" goes live.

I also want to mention other ways we are supporting families while getting ready for the shift to phase II. Staff is continuing to add new resources to [sudburystudents.org](#) and supporting families with the navigation of current resources. The technology department has distributed additional devices to staff and students, and we have one final round of needs-based loaner devices. Please [sign up](#) by April 6. Remember that SPS does not expect that you have a computer for every child; sharing computers, including with siblings in the Curtis 1:1 program, is perfectly acceptable as we have a limited number of loaners to distribute.

We also continue to offer student lunch and breakfast. Please check the [Food Services](#) page for the signup link for each coming week.

I want to thank you for your continued support. We are redesigning how Sudbury students learn from home. It is a huge effort but we are committed to meeting the needs of students and families.

Sincerely,

Brad Crozier

Superintendent, Sudbury Public Schools

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