



April 15, 2020

I hope you enjoyed Spring Break last week and are back in the swing of things. As you know, Gov. Wolf closed schools for the remainder of the year. We are heartbroken that your child will not be able to gather with their class (in-person) nor share the many end-of-year field trips, events and celebrations. It is with a heavy heart that I share that we will be cancelling all in-person graduation ceremonies, move-up ceremonies, class trips, proms, dances, international trips, and field trips for the remainder of the year.

Schools may replace some of these events with virtual events. As for high school graduation, schools will be taping a graduation ceremony and sending it out to families. In the event that the stay-at-home order is lifted, schools may organize COVID-safe alternate activities over the summer for their graduates (to take pictures for example). I am so sorry and sad to share this news.

We will be reimbursing families for their event deposits – all reimbursements should be completed by 5/15.

Other updates:

- **Laptop Library – Grade 3-8 Distribution**

As of today, we have distributed 1,200 laptops to high school families. The complex pick-up process has gone wonderfully smoothly and safely. We will now move forward with our elementary laptop distribution plans. The distribution timeline is:

- **4/21 & 4/22: High Schools (grades 6-8) & Prep**
 - Lenfest (7 – 8),
 - Hardy High (7 – 8),
 - Prep Middle & Elementary (3, 7 – 8),
 - Thomas High (7 – 8),
 - Pickett (6 – 8),
 - Shoemaker (7 – 8),
- **4/28 & 4/29 –Elementary grades 3-8**
 - Douglass (3 – 8),
 - Pastorius (3 – 8),
 - Cleveland (3 – 8),
 - Wister (3 – 5),
 - Smedley (3 – 6),
 - Thomas El (3 – 6),
 - Hardy El (3 – 6),
 - Mann (3 – 6),
 - Harrity (3 – 8),
 - Clymer (3 – 6)

You will receive specific directions about the pick-up procedure from your school.

The computer distribution is a gigantic logistics challenge – we need to physically move and redistribute computers from one school to another to ensure we have enough computers at each school – that is why the roll-out will occur over the 2 week period by building (rather than solely by grade level).

- **We Need Your Help**

We need your help to enable us to deliver on the promise of our Laptop Library -- to lend out 10,000 computers. **We need money to buy more computers.** Please pass on this link [Operation Digital Justice](#) to friends and family and consider making a donation. Please pitch in if you can -- any amount helps!

- **AP Exams**

AP exams will still be administered this year. Students will take a 45-minute, timed online exam at home. Exams will take place May 11 – May 22. A make-up window is available for emergencies June 1 – 5. Please see the [full exam schedule](#) for the specific exam date and time for each course as well as content covered.

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