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**Dr. Kumpf's Superintendent Update**

As our district and community navigate this challenging time, we must remain flexible, stay connected with each other as best we can with social distancing, and find the positives that are present in our lives. We are strong and together we are extraordinary!

I hope this "Superintendent's Update" answers some of your questions and offers you guidance on how to navigate distance learning so families don't feel overwhelmed.

**SPRING BREAK** - Next week is spring break for Tipp City Schools. I realize many families are disappointed that travel plans are cancelled. Being stuck at home, doesn't mean students should focus on school assignments, studying, and deadlines. They need this respite and take time to recharge. Encourage them to take virtual tours or read a book for pleasure. Perhaps, you can share cooking duties, play board games, or do a puzzle together. And, as long as the weather allows, go for a long walk or jog!

**END OF QUARTER** - The 3rd quarter ends today, March 20th. All assignments given to students prior to the state-mandated closing will be graded and posted to Gradebooks. We realize students may have assignments they intended to hand in prior to leaving for spring break. We are working with teachers to accommodate students and recognize their commitment. Until a final determination is made, no student will receive a zero.

**DISTANCE LEARNING** - Teachers are updating their websites regularly and available by email to assist students with the work assigned for the initial 3-week closing of school. In lieu of letter grades, all assigned work will be marked as completed. The exception to this is Advanced Placement classes.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT** - Students are on pace preparing for the spring AP Exams. The College Board is determining how best to test students during this pandemic. One option being considered is a take-home exam depending on the situation in May. More guidance from the College Board will be received on April 3rd.

**ACT** - The ACT scheduled for April 4th is now rescheduled for June 13th.

**NEXT STEPS** - The administration team is working on how to provide quality distance learning should the school closing be extended beyond the three weeks. We are considering computer needs and internet access for our students. Please understand this is a fluid situation that is changing daily and sometimes hourly. This crisis has not been predictable and just when my administration team thinks it has a plan, new information prompts us to completely revise the course of action. Directives from the Ohio Department of Education, the Governor, and the Ohio Department of Health could impact our decisions.

COVID-19 is an unprecedented event in our life that has brought with it worry, fear, anxiety, and many unknowns. It is important that we all take care of ourselves. We live in a wonderful community with people who are supportive. Let's lean on each other!

Take care and stay well,

  
Dr. Gretta Kumpf