March 29, 2020

Dear students and families,

As you are already aware, Dr. Karen Salmon, the Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, has extended the closure of all Maryland public schools until April 24, 2020. When this was announced, Queen Anne’s County Public Schools' central office began the development of a Continuity of Learning plan to ensure students stay engaged during this 4 week period.

At ARISE Academy, each teacher is creating their own individual, 2-week, Continuity of Learning plan which outlines the concepts/topics/skills that students should be working on each day, as well as the means in which teachers will communicate this information to students. These plans are from April 1st - April 10th and from April 13th - April 24th. The main form of communication for the material will be through the student’s email and Google Classroom. However, we will also be producing comprehensive packets for students who do not have internet access, have unreliable internet access, or need copies of materials. The first set of packets may be picked up Tuesday, March 31st, by appointment, at ARISE Academy. To schedule a pick-up, please contact me via the email address or cell phone listed at the bottom of this letter.

Students are expected to complete assignments and return/submit them to teachers. This can be done by submitting them in Google Classroom, sharing documents/slides through the Google platform, or taking a picture of written work and emailing it to the teacher. It is extremely important that students develop a daily schedule for completing work and submitting it to teachers.
The current COVID-19 pandemic has created a new, although temporary, way of life. Staying home, social distancing, and distance learning are all things that we are all learning how to do. Our main priority at ARISE is the health and well-being of our students and staff. Our second priority is helping students return as much of their daily life back to “normal” as we can. This comes both in the form of social/emotional stability and academic regularity. If there is anything that we can do to help with either of these areas, we will. Please feel free to use the links and resources below, and do not hesitate to contact me with any needs or concerns. I will continue to update you with resources and information as I get them.

Respectfully,

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**Resources**

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