

# Upper Dauphin Area School District

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Dear UDASD Families,

The Upper Dauphin Area School District (UDASD) Administration Team has been working in concert with our faculties to create a Continuity of Education Plan for the implementation of remote education for our students during the closure period mandated by Governor Wolf. On March 30, 2020, Governor Wolfe changed the closure period to an indefinite date. As additional clarification comes regarding the Governor's announcement, the UDASD will proceed with implementing its Continuity of Education Plan.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) released the following guidance to school districts regarding Continuity of Education efforts.

*Continuity of Education is the overarching term for any educational practices that occur in the event of a prolonged school closure. It is important that students have the opportunity to develop and maintain skills while away from the customary school environment. This can be achieved through Planned Instruction, Enrichment and Review or a combination thereof.*

1. **Planned Instruction:** *Planned Instruction is formal teaching and learning similar to that which occurs in a classroom setting. Within this process, teachers use planned courses of instruction of new concepts/skills aligned to grade level standards.*
2. **Enrichment and Review:** *Enrichment and Review consists of informal activities that reinforce or extend students' prior learning. New standards and skills are not addressed through Enrichment and Review.*

With this information in mind, it's time to provide an update on the UDASD's plan for Continuity of Education during the current closure as well as any extended closure that may occur. The UDASD will implement its Continuity of Education Plan in two phases as outlined below.

*Enrichment and Review (April 1, 2020 – April 9, 2020):* The teachers will continue to develop Enrichment and Review activities; informal activities that reinforce or extend students' prior learning. New standards and skills are not addressed through Enrichment and Review. Activities

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will be posted to Google Classroom or emailed to the student's email address beginning on April 1, 2020. This enrichment and review period will include activities that students can complete on an optional and voluntary basis. There will not be any graded assignments during this period. Teachers will also be reaching out to students to assist them with questions and preparations for future remote instruction planning. .

*Planned Instruction (April 13, 2020 until the end of the closure period):* The District will begin to implement Planned Instruction activities; formal teaching and learning *similar to* that which occurs in a classroom setting. Within this process, teachers use planned courses of instruction of new concepts/skills aligned to grade level standards. The UDASD's goal is to provide students and families with learning opportunities they can do remotely.

A communication about the availability of the UDASD's Continuity of Education plan will be sent via Sapphire Communication by the end of this week. During Phase I of the Continuity of Education Plan, teachers will have office hours for providing assistance to students. In addition, the UDASD has developed several documents for parents to understand and assist with access to remote education tools such as GMAIL, Google Classroom and Zoom. All of this information is available on the UDASD's dedicated webpage for remote education. This webpage can be accessed at [www.udasd.org/remote-education](http://www.udasd.org/remote-education). The UDASD is also working to assist families that lack technology access (either Internet access or devices). Families identified as having technology access challenges will be contacted via a separate mailing later this week.

Finally, parents of students at the Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School will be asked to pick up materials on Friday, April 3, 2020. These materials will complement the remote education being provided during the closure period. Please visit [www.udasd.org/remote-education](http://www.udasd.org/remote-education) for a schedule of when parents can pick up materials. Please note that your child does not have to be in the car to pick up materials and you can have other people pick up materials for your child. The person picking up the materials must have your child's name and grade level. Information about picking up materials for Middle School and High School students will be provided later this week.

Please note that even though the Governor has issued a 'stay at home' order for Dauphin County, parents may still come to the the school to pick up school lunches and to pick up materials for Continuity of Education purposes. These purposes are allowed under the Governor's order.

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Thank you again for your continued support and understanding during the COVID-19 Pandemic. While we continue to work to provide education to your children, we also hope that each and every student, family, and community member stays healthy during this time.

Sincerely,  
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