

# Remote Instruction Update

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*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



Dear D12 Families,

As we come to the end of our first week of the 2020-21 school year, there is much to celebrate. Our remote learning students are building relationships with new teachers and classmates and establishing learning routines that will serve them well throughout the year. We have definitely experienced some bumps in the road with technology. That has been our highest priority the last two days, and I am beginning to see the results. In addition to issues with individual students' log ins and passwords, we have found that our teacher devices don't have the power they need for remote learning. We knew this was an issue at times in the spring; however, we were encouraged to try a low-cost fix first to see if that would work. By late Monday morning it was evident that this was not the fix we need, and our teachers will have new, more robust laptops to lead their classrooms next week.

## First SMART Day of the 2020-21 School Year

Wednesday, September 2 will be our first SMART day. Please look for communication from your child's principal with both in-person and remote schedules for that day.

## Curriculum Nights in D12

Curriculum nights this year will take place virtually. Teachers will have pre-recorded presentations and will also have times available for live questions and answers.

Roselle Middle School: Tuesday, September 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Spring Hills Elementary School: Thursday, September 10th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Please look for additional details coming from each building principal.**

## Daily Attendance

Our teachers take attendance each day for our remote learners. At the middle school this is done each class period. If your child is unable to participate in remote learning for a day, due to illness or some other reason, parents must call the attendance line just as you do when students are learning in-person.

## Looking for a change?

If you are finding remote learning to be more difficult to manage than you anticipated and would like to move into in-person instruction, please contact me at [mhenderson@sd12.org](mailto:mhenderson@sd12.org). We may not be able to accommodate all requests, but in some cases it would be possible based on enrollment numbers.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we launch into learning. I believe our children in D12 will not only survive learning through a pandemic but thrive! Our staff continues our commitment to meeting your child's needs whether they are in-person or remote. Please contact your child's teacher if you see your child struggling more than previously or there are other supports that you need.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent