CCPS Resource Site, Special Education and SAT Information
March 13, 2020

Content specialists in the department of curriculum and instruction have been working closely with teachers, administrators, and other professionals to bring together resources for all Carroll County Public Schools students. To support all the traditional learning resources our teachers make available for students, we have created a Google Site that provides students and families with resources to encourage ongoing academic engagement while at home.

**CCPS Resource Site**

Throughout the CCPS resource site, there are specific directions for students and families on how to log-in, access or link to a variety of tools that are used in the classroom on a regular basis. We encourage families to spend time exploring these resources.

This site is not intended to serve as or supplant quality instruction while schools are closed. It is our hope that this online resource serves rather as a location for the community to access resources so that students can maintain current skills and concept awareness not only now but in the future.

**SAT Cancellation and Re-Scheduling**

Students scheduled to take the SAT Exam on March 14th (including make-up date on March 28th) will be issued a refund by College Board. Students may re-register for the SAT on the May 2nd testing date at Westminster HS, using their refunded fees.

Students who were issued a fee waiver for their initial testing date will also be able to re-register with fees waived.

Additional information regarding SAT can be obtained by accessing the College Board websites listed below or by calling on the phone number provided. We recommend using the web first as wait times on the phone lines are extensive.

- [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings)
- SAT@info.collegeboard.org

Student information phone line available at: **866-756-7346**

**Special Education**

While CCPS schools are closed, special education and related services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will not be provided to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities in CCPS. This includes any services currently provided in schools, in homes, in the community, or in private day care centers. The United States Department of Education (USDE) has recently developed guidance for school systems
related to school closings due to COVID-19. This guidance was shared by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Our plans in CCPS are in alignment with this guidance.

During the period of school closures, CCPS will not provide continued instruction for students. General education teachers will send home academic materials that all students can access. Our special education staff have contributed to these resources. The purpose of these activities is to help our students maintain their skills. We encourage our families of students with disabilities to utilize these resources, in addition to the CCPS resource site, to help students review and practice their skills while schools are closed.

Today, all students will return home with their essential items like communication devices and other specialized equipment unique to the student. Please be sure to make arrangements with the school nurse regarding any student medication. Please contact your child’s Case Manager or principal should there be any other special needs. Any IEP meetings that fall during the period of school closures will be rescheduled. Any assessments identified by the IEP team will be completed when schools re-open.

When school reopens, we will carefully monitor the progress of our students with disabilities and determine the appropriate next steps on an individual basis. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nick Shockney, Director of Special Education, at nrshock@carrollk12.org.

Carroll County Public Schools is committed to the success of each student in our schools. We are doing all we can to ensure that every student will have equitable access to resources and educational opportunities during this unique time. CCPS has made sure that the decisions and actions of our system have been done with strategic focus on its impact on all students.