



Harrington High School

of Lower Merion School District

March, 2020

Dear Harrington High School Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

Thank you for your continued cooperation during this challenging time. While we would prefer to have your children, our students, with us for a typical school experience, we are faced with the challenge of continuing their education through an extended statewide school closure. You have received notice about the District’s plans to support student learning beginning on Wednesday, March 18. We had planned for professional learning for our staff focusing on distance learning last week, but those plans were impacted by the school closures. While the current situation is unprecedented for students and staff in the Lower Merion School District, we are working diligently to prepare meaningful distance learning experiences for students.

While the continuation of learning is important, please know that the safety, health, and welfare of our students, staff, and families comes first. Everyone is experiencing their own unique challenges. Child care, home situations, and availability will vary for all -- students and staff included. This is a time for all of us to practice flexibility and empathy. Understanding that this is new and challenging for everyone is essential.

Students will begin to hear from teachers directly via school district email and Blackboard. Expectations for work and two-way communication will be provided by your child’s individual teachers. This work is designed to support students with maintenance of prior learning and also to help provide a sense of normalcy and routine for students and families. Please be assured, designs are intended to be flexible. Please communicate with your child’s teacher if there is any difficulty. If there are circumstances that prevent your child from engaging in the work being requested, please let the teacher know.

Additionally, teachers will begin communicating their online availability through “Office Hours.” The goal of “Office Hours” is to provide specific windows of time during which teachers are able to facilitate communication with families and support students. Administrators, school counselors, and other staff are also available via email should you have questions.

We thank you for your partnership as we remain committed to supporting students and their learning.

Below are the Office Hours by Department and letter days:

Sincerely,

Scott Weinstein

School Day	8:00 – 10:00 AM	10:00 – 12:00 PM	12:30 – 2:30 PM
A and C Day	Math	Social Studies	World Language Special Education
B and D Day	English	Science	Unified Arts Counselors

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 th – D Day	17 th – A Day	18 th – B Day	19 th – C Day	20 th No Letter Day Scheduled PD Day
23 rd - D Day	24 th – A Day	25 th – B Day	26 th – C Day	27 th – D Day