



# Logan Elm Local School District

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As many of you are aware, yesterday Governor DeWine closed Ohio's schools for the remainder of the 19-20 school year. I am extremely disappointed for our students, staff, and especially for members of the Class of 2020 and their families. A special note to our seniors, this remains an ever-changing situation and we will continue to monitor and review the guidelines and recommendations issued for public gatherings. We will make decisions to ensure the safety of our students and staff while honoring you for your accomplishments. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to continue to practice social distancing and remember we all are in this together!

For the remainder of the school year, the district will continue to provide learning opportunities via platforms such as Google Classroom, Zoom meetings, Flipgrid, and our weekly mailings. It is my expectation that our students work both independently and with teachers to complete the educational opportunities provided. Teachers will continue to teach, monitor, and document interactions with their students. I encourage each student to continue to set aside time each day to engage in his or her own learning. Logan Elm's Guide to Extended Home Learning for Families (<https://tinyurl.com/rcyx2z2>) offers some suggestions for setting a schedule for learning.

The district recognizes the move to remote education has been challenging and I would like to applaud teachers, students, and parents for their efforts in this initiative. Some students are engaging and submitting work on-line while others are completing off-line activities. Building administrators are looking at ways to collect the off-line work and more information on the collection procedures will be announced soon.

The Ohio Department of Education relies on the professionalism, fairness and reasonable judgment of administrators and educators in making determinations relative to the assignment of grades to students. With that being said, due to the transition to online learning, I plan to ask the Board of Education to consider allowing Pass, Fail, or Incomplete as grades for the 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks for our 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, instead of traditional letter grades. In grades PK-4, we will provide parents with feedback related to the standards-based guidelines in our report cards.

At yesterday's press conference, Governor DeWine suggested districts begin to consider what education may look like in the fall. The District is already looking at ways to alter our in-person and online delivery methods in order to improve the safety and education for students during the 20-21 school year. My goal is to take the lessons we are learning during this pandemic and make Logan Elm Schools even stronger!

If you need anything, please contact a staff member, administrator, or the district office.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Williams