

Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear Five Star Colleagues,

We recognize the past week has been unlike anything many of us have ever seen. We hope you and your families are safe and healthy. Our Learning Services (LS) team has worked diligently over the course of the last week to develop guidance, resources and tools to support you in the transition to remote learning.

While this communication is primarily addressed to certified staff, we felt it was important to share the plan with all staff.

We recognize remote learning may come easy to some of us and it might be completely foreign to others. To help with this transition, the LS team has designed an [Adams 12 Remote Learning website](#) with resources for self-guided and self-paced professional learning. When you visit the website, you will have access to:

- Guidelines and tips for successful remote learning
- A how-to guide for preparing for remote learning
- Selecting and utilizing learning management platforms
- Adams 12 remote learning lesson exemplars
- Recommended digital teaching tools and tutorials

This [video](#) will help familiarize you with the site and all supports available there.

We encourage you to visit the website over Spring Break in preparation for the virtual professional learning that will take place on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31. The website is dynamic and will be updated frequently, so please visit it often.

Plan for March 30 and 31

As a reminder, remote learning is scheduled to launch districtwide for all students on April 1. We will use March 30 and 31 to prepare staff with tools and resources to provide remote learning opportunities via virtual meeting platforms. Additionally, staff can collaborate with colleagues to tailor and customize instruction and assignments. As questions arise during the two-day professional learning, our Learning Services team will be available to support you.

Time will also be set aside on both days for you to plan for remote learning with your building, grade level, and/or common course colleagues. We strongly encourage you to collaborate with your grade level and/or common course team as you plan for remote learning. There is power and efficiency in working together throughout the transition.

You will receive additional communication toward the end of next week with details on how to access the March 30-31 professional learning. Guidance and details for non-classroom educators will also be provided later next week.

If you have questions or feedback regarding the temporary transition to remote learning or the Adams 12 remote learning website, please send an email to rfeedback@adams12.org.

We know that this transition to a remote learning system, while necessary, is coupled with an ongoing public health crisis, and can cause numerous stressors and challenges for students, families and educators alike. It's important that we all enter this new learning journey with an abundance of patience and grace. There will be hiccups and frustrations as we begin and there will be moments of joy and satisfaction as we adjust. Learning Services is committed to partnering with our school-based colleagues every step of the way, in being responsive to your feedback and helping improve the experience for everyone over time.

We appreciate your partnership as we navigate this new territory together.