



## Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

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Updated from Brian Haas, Executive Director regarding Distance Learning Plans

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To the members of the Abby Kelley community:

As the situation around COVID-19 evolves, we are uncertain if and when Abby Kelley will close and if that does happen, for what length of time. As a result, we are **making preparations for a possible closure**.

We know nothing can replace class instruction and interaction between students and teachers on a daily basis, however these plans provide a familiar structure for students, in order to support continued learning as best as possible. Below is a summary of the plans we have within each of our schools.

### **Elementary School (K-3)**

Report cards will be sent home on **Thursday, March 12th**. (They were scheduled to go home the week of March 16th.) On **Friday, March 13th** students will be sent home with packets from their teachers to complete work at home, in the event Abby Kelley should close. This would be in addition to each student's daily usage of i-Ready and 20 minutes of daily reading.

Student's usernames, passwords and websites will be provided in the packets sent home Friday. There are additional educational websites included for students to use if they choose, also within these packets. Please have your child return **all completed work** when school is back in session.

We have an update for our Parent-Teacher conferences on Wednesday, March 18th and Thursday, March 19th **if Abby Kelley closes prior to the conferences; all conferences** will take place by phone at their scheduled time.

- Amy Emma, Elementary Principal

### **Middle School (Grades 4-7)**

All students have access to and have used IXL, an adaptive instructional program, in Math and ELA. This is a program that all students have been using regularly. Teachers will assign specific lessons daily online in IXL which students should work on independently. Students will be able to access i-Ready instruction as another resource.

*Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness and all students have equal access to the general education program and the full range of any occupational/vocational education programs offered by the district.*



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### **Middle School (cont.)**

Teachers will provide additional websites that students can use to maintain skills. In classes where it is appropriate or for students without internet access, students will be provided with books and/or curriculum which they are able to complete independently.

- Amy Puliafico, Principal

### **High School (Grades 8-12)**

On **Friday, March 13th** students will be encouraged to bring home **all books and materials they feel are necessary to complete work**. The majority of the classwork information from teachers will be available on the Teacher's Websites and Google Classroom, as has been our process throughout the school year. (Students have online accounts for many classes allowing them to access the necessary materials online.) Students will be asked **to submit work via emails and Google Classroom**, at various dates and times. Additionally, students in Grade 8 have access to i-Ready online instruction for English and Math.

- Chris Kursonis, High School Principal

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this together. I will continue to keep you updated as things change or as I have new information to share.

Sincerely,

Brian Haas

Executive Director

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