



## **Update and Non-Mandatory Educational Opportunities Plan Check In!**

*March 20, 2020*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good Evening! This is Dr. Dan McGarry, Superintendent of Schools, calling with another update. Today was our first day of our **Non-Mandatory Educational Opportunities Plan**, and I wanted to say thank you for your cooperation and support. We understand the anxiety such uncertainty has put on you and your family as we are working through these changes. My team and I have been working hard to try to get answers in an effort to move us forward even during these unprecedented times.

I am happy to report that we have provided 986 Chromebooks to our families! I want to remind you that Chromebooks are available for each family as needed. If you are still in need of a Chromebook please contact us at:

[Familyschoologysupport@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:Familyschoologysupport@upperdarbysd.org). We are hoping that families that are in need of internet access have reviewed the resources we shared in our last

communication. I've attached the document again for your convenience. You can find more information about our plan, laptop pick-up, and internet access and provisions for families on our website at [www.upperdarbysd.org](http://www.upperdarbysd.org).

I also wanted to provide more information on how to access our Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology.

I am also sending out this communication in response to parents who have asked to pick up materials to work with your student from home. We will open each building briefly on **Monday, March 23, 2020 from 1:00PM - 3:00PM**. I have included our plan for allowing access to pick up materials in the email accompanying this communication. In keeping with health guidelines around Coronavirus/COVID-19, we are asking that families maintain the parameters around social distancing while on school campuses.

Please know that we are all in this together, and it is our plan to increase our educational opportunities within reason as we all become more familiar with our online Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology.

### **Technology Support**

- Any mobile device can access Schoology via <https://udsd.schoology.com/>.
- The District is also providing support to parents and students. Please email [Familyschoolsupport@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:Familyschoolsupport@upperdarbysd.org)
- An informational powerpoint can be found by clicking the following link: [Directions to Access Online Instructional Materials](#)

### **Parent/Student Essential Materials Pick-Up Day: March 23, 2020**

Parents/students can pick up essential materials from 1:00PM - 3:00PM. Please note the following guidelines:

- Students and parents will have to show identification.
- Students and parents will be escorted through the building to gather what they need.
- The District will also complete a deep cleaning of the facilities following the essential materials pickup day. We will not allow for large gatherings.

Again, I appreciate your patience during these challenging times. Please continue to check our website for useful information. I will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.