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REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES NOTIFICATION AND GUIDANCE

Dear Parents/Guardians of Seekonk Public School Students,

As you know, our school district has presently closed its physical school buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this period of school closure, the District will be providing students with “Distance Learning” opportunities, which may include analog materials, telephone calls, video conferencing, pre-recorded lessons, and other online services. Students are expected to participate in these services. Please reach out to us as soon as possible if you anticipate or become aware of any issues with your child accessing the remote opportunities provided by our Seekonk Public Schools. You should contact your child's principal or you can email konkcares@seekonkschools.org. Here is a list of principal emails:

Martin Elementary School: lushb@seekonkschools.org

Aitken Elementary School: haidemenosj@seekonkschools.org

Hurley Middle School: boucharda@seekonkschools.org

Seekonk High School: whalenw@seekonkschools.org

In accordance with state and federal laws, including the Massachusetts Wiretapping Act and FERPA, parents *and* students must refrain from recording any and all distance learning sessions. Exceptions may be made on an individual basis due to special circumstances, and only with the consent of everyone involved in the session. In addition, while parents/guardians are permitted to observe online instruction in a non-disruptive manner, to the extent that distance learning opportunities provide access to confidential student information, all participants agree, by participating in this remote learning opportunity, to refrain from disseminating any confidential student information about other student participants with any and all third parties. By participating in the distance learning opportunities, consent to this request is hereby provided.

Similarly, we ask everyone in our Seekonk community to recognize that video conferences and other online services will be taking place in the homes of the educators and students who participate, and to be mindful of everyone’s right to privacy. To that end, we remind our students to dress appropriately and choose an appropriate location in their home from which to participate in any and all remote learning opportunities, particularly those with a video

The Seekonk Public Schools strives to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment in which all students can thrive and succeed in its schools. The Seekonk Public Schools prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, gender identity, disability, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or homelessness and ensures that all students have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges, and courses of study

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component. Parents/guardians should take all precautions to safeguard personal or private information that they do not wish to be disclosed.

Students will be expected to behave in accordance with school rules of conduct while participating in remote instruction. Cyber-bullying, harassment, discrimination, and abuse of the remote learning process will not be tolerated and may result in suspension from remote learning, as well as additional consequences when school resumes. The District also encourages its staff and students alike to limit disruptions to remote lessons to the extent feasible (while also recognizing that sometimes pets, small children, and technical difficulties cannot be prevented from disrupting a lesson that happens at home).

Special education teachers, ESL teachers, and individual service providers will be in contact with parents/guardians of students with specialized learning needs regarding necessary modifications to the remote instruction opportunities offered to other members of an individual student's class, as well as to discuss direct and group service provisions.

By accessing remote learning, our District recognizes that you and your child consent to access online instruction and agree to fully comply with the requirements of this letter. We appreciate your time and attention to this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rich Drolet", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rich Drolet, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Seekonk Public Schools