Dear Southfield Public School Families,

The first day of school in the Southfield Public School District is Monday, August 31, 2020. As shared earlier, we have decided to start the school year with all remote learning. This decision was made based on guidance from the state of Michigan and the Oakland County Health Department.

Families were afforded two learning pathways for this 2020 - 2021 academic year: a full virtual model where students will remain online with instruction, and a remote to hybrid model where students will return to in-person instruction. Both options provide your child with highly qualified Southfield Public School District instructors skilled to meet your scholar’s unique needs.

All remote learning will be required and graded at the start of the school year. Your students will receive instructions from the building level on how learning will take place in their classrooms and outline expectations.

Southfield Public Schools will provide a Chromebook to students who do not have reliable access to a computer to engage in remote or online learning fully. The district has surveyed families to identify technology needs for each student and will be in contact with families regarding the distribution. If you have not already, please complete the Confirmation of Fall Learning Form to ensure the district fulfills your child’s technology access needs.

Even though our school buildings will not be open, the district established a process to ensure all students receive meals each week. You can find more information on meal services, including the Application for Free and Reduced Meals, at www.southfieldk12.org/returntoschool/#meals.

Champions, a member of the KinderCare family of education companies, will be offering full-day care for district families in need at Birney K-8 School (27225 Evergreen Road, Southfield, 48076). The current cost per student is $150 per week, with discounts for siblings, military and district employees, and DHS subsidy state assistance accepted. The district is working with donors on potential scholarships. Find information at http://www.southfieldk12.org/returntoschool/#champions.

Finally, all students and families need to understand that we may need to shift our approach if conditions surrounding COVID-19 change as the school year progresses. For the latest updates and information, please continue to visit www.southfieldk12.org/returntoschool.

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this incredibly challenging situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Green
Superintendent

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