



Dear Sojourner Truth Academy Parents:

On Monday, March 30, 2020 we will all come together to take the first steps of a huge new educational journey as Sojourner Truth Academy (STA) brings distance learning to our scholars until May 5, 2020. While none of us could have predicted even a few weeks ago that we would launch this dramatic new transition in education, I could not be prouder of the way our staff have come together to ready themselves to teach your children and I could not be more grateful to all of you for your faith in our staff during this unsettling time.

This will not be perfect. Nothing can ever replace a talented teacher in a classroom. However, we are learning together and will continue to give 100% as we work to ensure your scholar(s) needs are being met during these uncertain times. Please be sure to visit our website at www.sojournertruthacademy.org for updates. You should be receiving information from your scholar's teacher regarding distance learning instruction and engagement soon.

Below are few key pieces of information here to keep in mind:

- **Free Meals:** We will continue offer free meals in the weeks ahead at the designated bus stops throughout the city. Food will be distributed on Mondays **and** Thursdays at your specific times. If families are in need of additional food the City of Minneapolis has a map of food shelters at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us or by calling the United Way at 211.
- **Childcare:** We will continue to offer childcare to those parents recognized as "Tier 1" employees during this time. Please refer to the letter sent out earlier for definition of Tier 1 & guidelines. If you have any questions, don't hesitant to call the school.
- **Scholars with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs):** If your scholar has an IEP and receives special education support services, your scholar will receive instruction from a special education teacher, service provider (speech, OT, etc.) and classroom paraprofessionals. You will receive information to discuss how instruction will be delivered. Your scholar's IEP meetings will still take place either by phone or Zoom if applicable.

Again we are in this together and I want to thank you parents for your patience and hard work. This year at STA our motto has been "We have all we need right here." We are embarking on a new normal for the next few weeks, but I am confident we will get through this. If you have any questions or concerns please give us a call or feel free to email.

Stay Healthy and remember we have all we need right here!

Sincerely
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