



**Calvert County
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Dear Calvert County Schools Community:

This COVID-19 pandemic is bringing new challenges to our community, especially schools as we know them. I feel like we should apologize to those who ask questions for which we have no ready answer. The situation changes daily with new guidance from our state and national leaders.

It is important for all of us to keep in mind that what we are experiencing is unprecedented. Years from now, you will tell your grandchildren about the pandemic of '20. For now, we must continue to support everyone's health and well-being by practicing preventive measures of social distancing, hand washing, and staying home when sick.

I am also concerned about everyone's social and emotional well-being at this time. I know many of you are stressed. Please set aside time for you and your children to talk about what is happening and why these new rules are needed to keep our community safe. Our website has a list of community resources that are poised to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out for assistance.

I want to give a special thank you to our year-round staff who have stepped up to keep things going, notably maintenance staff and building service workers, who have been doing the cleaning. I especially want to thank the teachers, who, on one-day's notice, were able to pull together some schoolwork and activities to keep children engaged with school. Many have continued to connect with their students on a daily basis. If you click on [this link](#), you can see the most updated list of educational sites and activities by grade level.

Thank you also to those who have been assisting us from the Calvert County Health Department, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, and End Hunger and other food banks.

What's next? We're not sure. We hope to be back on March 30. But it is possible that authorities may decide to extend the time for school to be closed. If that happens, we could be moving from schoolwork that would be nice to do at home if you can, to schoolwork that children must do from home. This will be new to all of us. Should we go in this direction, we anticipate students engaging in school daily and teachers giving feedback and new assignments using a variety of learning mediums.

We are navigating uncharted territory, and that requires us to be tenacious, flexible, and calm. Remember to breathe. We thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,



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