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Re: Important Information

Dear WMCTC Community:

The COVID-19 pandemic has made this past week a challenging one! Our WMCTC faculty and community have demonstrated great resiliency by creating ways to support students and families during the school closure. Governor Wolf has extended the closure of all schools across the Commonwealth through at least Monday, April 6, 2020. Given our district calendar will not be revised, the next scheduled day for students to return to school would be Tuesday, April 14 (pending extended school closures).

As a result, we are planning for instruction to continue with two forms. In one form students will review or enrich previously learned instruction. In the other form, students will learn new skills/concepts.

Online learning will not be face-to-face learning; however, teachers will use our established curriculum and additional resources to support learning. This may include reading a text, responding to a prompt, watching a video, or developing a report. For our students with IEPs, GIEPs, or 504 plans, our teachers are planning appropriate modifications and accommodations. Communications with our Student Success Coordinators (Special Education Teachers) can be made by emailing them at <u>SSC@WESTERNCENTER.ORG</u> during our online learning timeframe.

From March 16 - March 27th we have provided enrichment activities utilizing Google Classroom (which students can access by going to <u>www.westerncenter.org</u> and going to their specific program page). Our online format will continue to use this same platform moving forward. Students and families can expect the following to begin on Monday, March 30:

- A. Daily (Monday-Friday) communication through Skyward by the teachers.
- B. Daily office hours (Monday-Friday) when teachers can support students/families. These office hours will be listed on the program specific webpage by Monday March 30th. There will be both AM and PM office hours. These can include email, chat, or voice and will happen exclusively through Skyward or Zoom Meeting.
- C. Assignments that will be graded.
- D. Directions on how to submit assignments.

Please note that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has decided state testing including the NOCTI Exams as well as NIMS will **NOT** be conducted this year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging and uncertain times. We extend our deepest appreciation for your continued safety, health and partnership in learning.

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Christopher E. Moritzen Administrative Director

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