

L'École d'Immersion Française Dora Kennedy French Immersion School

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Hello DKFI Community,

As you are aware, Governor Larry Hogan has declared all Maryland schools remain closed through April 24, 2020. While this means we have to stay apart from our students for a longer period, the decision is in the best interest of everyone. We feel very fortunate to know that none of our students or staff have contracted the COVID-19 virus to date. We hope that this will remain the case for our Dora Kennedy French Immersion community.

In an effort to provide distance learning to all students in Prince George's County, a survey has been posted on the PGCPS website for parents to fill out indicating what type of technology/internet resources are in homes. To access the survey please go to: www.pgcps.org. The deadline to submit the survey is Friday, March 27, 2020.

In addition, the DKFI staff are continuing to develop new strategies to improve the ability to provide distance learning to our students. We thank those who have already found creative ways to reach out to their classes. A very special thank you to Mr. Held, who behind the scenes, is assisting families and teachers who are finding themselves facing technology challenges. Parents, please update both you and your student's email addresses, so we may better assist with our efforts.

Administration has had several staff check-ins to prepare everyone for our eventual return to the building. We want to make every attempt to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible for all parties. This is an unprecedented time we are all in, everyone is learning, as we adjust to this new normal.

Our custodians have completed a thorough disinfectant cleaning of our building, and continue to prep it for the return of our students, parents, and faculty. We appreciate their commitment to the work of ensuring our building will be a safe place to return to.

We acknowledge that everyone has had to make enormous changes in their day-to-day lives. The DKFI staff thank our families for your patience, understanding and flexibility as we all make adjustments during this uncertain time. The majority of our staff and administrators are parents, as well as, educators, and are trying to balance their own work and home lives during this closure. We hope everyone continues to be well and we cannot wait to return to see you.

Yours, The DKFI Administration and Staff

