



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



November 5, 2020

The letters indicating Skyline High School needs to dismiss for two weeks from the Granite School District as well as the Salt Lake County Health Department have been sent out via email to all families of Skyline students. We have more than 15 positive cases within our school community during a 14-day period. For this reason, we will take two weeks to separate from one another and allow the spread of the disease to hopefully dissipate so that we can come back together and continue in-person learning.

During this dismissal, the school will continue to operate with 100% virtual learning. Students will access their classes daily via CANVAS. The teachers will continue to offer their lessons completely online. Lessons will remain mostly asynchronous as determined by each teacher. Skyline students will not attend their GTI classes as part of this dismissal.

I am quite worried about our students because of this dismissal to virtual learning for everyone. The two weeks of virtual learning precedes the week of Thanksgiving. That week we have one day of in-person instruction on Monday, November 23 (B-day, which schedule was recently changed by GSD as they have tried to balance days falling on a distance learning day throughout the year.) What this means is that in a 24-day period, from November 6-November 29, students will attend classes in person on only one day. This is a very long time to have students away from school and away from their teachers.

In an effort to attempt to provide some contact (albeit virtual) between students and teachers, we are having teachers begin each day's class with a live meeting following the school bell schedule. This will provide students with a reliable schedule of support and interaction with their teachers and possibly peers. These meetings are not required for students to attend. They are available for teachers to introduce their lesson, answer questions and connect with students. Since teachers are able to focus solely on distance learning instead of the dual modality of instruction they have been doing, teachers are being asked to include this extra bit of support for students only during the two weeks of 100% virtual learning.

Food service for students who require it will continue throughout the dismissal. Students may come and get their meals at 10:30 a.m. daily.

If your student needs additional support during this time, our counselors stand ready to help facilitate providing additional supports as determined by the specific student need. They will be available virtually throughout the dismissal. School administration and support staff will also be at the school providing support to teachers and students who need it.

Skyline High School and especially our wonderful teachers remain dedicated to helping students gain new knowledge, attain and refine skills, and receive the support they require to accomplish their goals and achieve excellence.

Sincerely,
Mitch Nerdin, Principal