



March 16, 2020

To the Families of the Academy for Business & Technology,

Elementary School:

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Vision and Purpose

Academic Success For All!

Mission

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On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Governor Whitmer announced that in order to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan, all K-12 schools will be closed starting on Monday, March 16 until Sunday, April 5. The health and well-being of our families and community is our top-priority. We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and we are committed to being responsive to the needs of our families as more information becomes available.

We are working to ensure that our students and families have the support they need. To that end, we are closely monitoring guidance from all state and federal agencies to ensure the safety of our school community.

In addition to following CDC guidance and partnering with local health departments, we have heightened our cleaning and disinfecting procedures to maintain a healthy environment for our building and busses. We have instructed anyone who is not feeling well to stay home out of an abundance of caution.

School buildings are scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6 which is the start of our scheduled spring break. At this time, we plan on honoring our spring break April 6th - April 10th, but this may change depending on the direction from the State of Michigan. With this in mind, students will be out for the next 4 weeks which means they will be missing instruction. In order for learning to continue, we are required to come up with a plan of action. Teachers created ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies packets for each grade level that should be completed in the next 4 weeks. **Please be aware that these packets MUST be turned in when students return.** It is important that students continue to learn and review at home, especially with the upcoming state tests. Please note that if students do not complete the assignments, it will create gaps in their learning. It is critical that we work together to educate our children.

In addition to providing these learning packets, we will be providing lunches to our students at each bus stop. A schedule will be shared with you to indicate the locations and times. If you need other accommodations, please let us know.

I would personally like to thank the teachers and staff for their continued dedication to the students of ABT Elementary. Also, thank you parents, for



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your ongoing support during these stressful times. There is no doubt that our ABTE family will get through this together!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you may contact me through Class Dojo. You may also contact Mrs. Shaffer (3-5 Instructional Coach) and/or Mrs. Vargas (K-2 Instructional Coach) through Class Dojo.

Thankfully Yours,

Alberta Galarza

School Leader



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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Attached is the packet your child must complete in the next 4 weeks. Please do not complete all in one sitting; students should pace themselves. Here are some ways to complete the packet:

1. Complete each weekly packet by the end of the given week- please read the directions to your child and model how to do the page if necessary, but allow them to do it themselves

2. It is vitally important that students keep up with each weekly assignment as we do not want them to fall behind in their studies. Please keep in mind that these packets **will be graded and go on their report cards.**

3. Require them to complete the work before playing video games or on their devices or watching T.V.

If you need to get a hold of me for any reason, you may do so through my Class Dojo or my email: stephanie.plecha@leonagroup.com I will be available M-F, 8:30-3:30 by email or dojo. I am here to support your child as best as possible during these difficult times.

If it comes to my attention that students are struggling with a specific topic, I will try my best to come up with a solution that will help them out-it may be a video I post on dojo, email to parents, etc.

Thankfully Yours,

Ms. Plecha

5th Grade Teacher