

Dear Carr Lane VPA Families:

I hope you and your families are doing well, staying safe, washing your hands and social distancing. Some important updates from the District related to COVID-19.

STAY-AT-HOME ORDER / SCHOOL CLOSINGS: This past weekend, Mayor Lyda Krewson announced a [mandatory, 30-day stay-at-home order](#) aimed at preventing further spread of COVID-19. In light of this new restriction, all schools in the City of St. Louis have extended their closures through **April 22, 2020**. This decision will be continually re-evaluated in coordination with the Mayor's Office and Dr. Fredrick Echols, the Director of the City's Department of Health.

MEALS FOR STUDENTS: The District, in partnership with the City and area charters, has developed a meal program (www.slps.org/meals) for families. The City has assured us that we can continue to provide grab-and-go meals at 36 schools in the city. Breakfast and lunch are served Monday through Friday, 8am to noon. The website has a flyer you can download and share in eight languages. The sites are staffed by Southwest Foodservice Excellence.

SUPPORT HOTLINE: The District has established a direct hotline for students and parents requiring social and emotional support. Please share this information with your families. The hotline can be accessed by calling 314-345-6900 or via email, studentservices@slps.org.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: If you, or someone you know (including District families), needs services, such as help with utilities, an internet connection for online learning, assistance for seniors, mental health care or free food for pets, visit www.slps.org/resources. New information is being added all the time.

INSTRUCTION: The Academic team has created enrichment packets to encourage continuous learning among students of all grade levels. These packets are available at meal distribution sites, and they are posted online at www.slps.org/keeponlearning. We are presently working to set up additional learning opportunities, likely via online platforms. We will have more for you on that this week.

Thank you for your attention to these important messages. Please continue to monitor the District website for updates. We will keep you informed, as we learn more.

Sincerely:

Mr. Darwin Young, Principal

Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School