



# SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mr. June Chang, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Summit Public Schools Community,

As week one of Virtual Learning comes to a close, I want to thank the Summit Public Schools staff, families, and students for showing how strong the Hilltopper community is, especially during these unprecedented times. We are all balancing work, family, and school from home, but it is comforting to see we are getting through this together with professionalism and dedication to our students.

While the experience of direct classroom instruction cannot be duplicated, I am proud to see the commitment from Summit staff to bring a high level of learning to students through online platforms. Beginning on Monday, teachers have the option to implement video conferencing with students as another method of instruction delivery through Google Meet and/or Google Hangout. This is new territory for everyone involved, and I appreciate the community's patience as we navigate through these unpredictable situations. Communication is key, and I know our teachers and administrators are doing their absolute best to keep in touch with our students and families to ensure everyone is on the same page. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers or building principals if you have any questions about Virtual Learning.

Routine is extremely important during these circumstances. It is helpful to provide students with a designated area with limited distractions during the Virtual Learning days. Our Summit Schools Counseling team also suggests time for students to unplug by reading, going for a walk, or working on a puzzle. These activities can help students who are feeling over-connected. We are relying on the strong partnerships with our families to support the hard work and dedication of our teachers.

As a reminder, food distribution for eligible students is available at Summit High School and Jefferson School. Breakfast and lunch meals can be picked up every school day from 8 to 10 a.m. Representatives from Pomptonian are available on site every day to answer any questions families may have. We ask that students bring their school ID and/or personal ID with their PIN number. Families can pick up meals at either location, regardless of their home school.

As we are all committed to the health and well-being of our Summit Public Schools community, please know we are united in these efforts. We will get through this together. Please stay safe and follow the recommendations of the CDC and the State Health Department. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

June Chang  
Superintendent of Summit Public Schools