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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools Parents:

I have received several questions regarding e-learning and the Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy (S-DOA). I would like to take a few moments to explain the difference between the two programs.
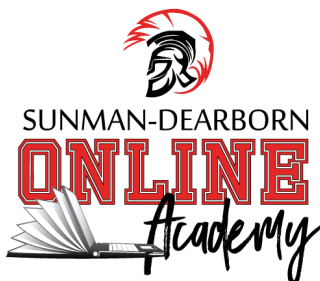
E-Learning

E-learning is an instructional model that is provided to parents and students when school is closed either school-wide or corporation-wide. As an example, we provided e-learning during April and May when Governor Holcomb ordered all schools closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we will provide e-learning if a school or the corporation is closed due to an Executive Order issued by the Governor or if we are directed to close by the local health departments due to an increase in COVID-19 cases.

E-learning is usually 2-3 hours of work each day, depending on the grade level. It is not as rigorous as regular instruction due to the fact that it was not a choice any parent made, rather a set of circumstances requiring the use of e-learning. It is also typically implemented on short notice. Normally, it is not intended for an extended period of time. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Holcomb's Executive Order, we made the best of a difficult situation and implemented e-learning for nearly two months.

Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy (S-DOA)

S-DOA is a robust and rigorous instructional model parents can choose for their children. Instruction will be delivered live, recorded, and through various technology platforms. Parents and students should expect 5-6 hours of instruction each day. Homework, assignments, and extra practice will be in addition to instruction. Parents and students should expect between 1-2 hours of homework each day depending on grade level.

Due to staffing, enrollment in S-DOA will be on a semester basis, unless there are extenuating circumstances. As the attached flyer

states, S-DOA will provide for flexibility for students and parents. However, it will not provide flexibility to transfer between traditional and online instruction.

For more information about the Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy, please go to www.sdoa.us. It will also be the topic of the July Super Chat podcast, which should be published in early July. Please watch your email for notification of when it is available online at http://static.theflypod.com/episodes/sunman-dearborn-schools/

PowerSchool Enrollment
As a reminder, PowerSchool Enrollment is open for the 2020-2021 school year. Please go to your Parent Portal Account to access. https://powerschool.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/public/.

The system will be unavailable for 2-3 days next week as we finish our end of year data rollover. A parent reminder will be sent out via School Messenger notifying parents during this time.

IDOE Parent and Caregiver Needs Survey
IDOE has partnered with Panorama Education to provide each district with the opportunity to collect valuable data in planning for the 2020-2021 school year via the Parent and Caregiver Needs Survey. You can access the survey at http://bit.ly/idoeremotelearning. Please select "Sunman-Dearborn Com Sch Corp" from the drop-down menu.

Please help us better support you and other families by answering these questions. Your answers will be completely anonymous. If you prefer not to answer any question, you can skip it. If you have more than one child enrolled in school, please answer these questions about your oldest child or complete the survey once for each child.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jackson
Superintendent