



Home of the Wildcats

# Konawaena High School

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Dear Konawaena High Parents and Guardians,

Thank you again for hanging in there with us and for all your understanding and support. This next week starts a new chapter in public education for all of us so thank you in advance.

On Monday, March 30 enrichment activities begin for students. Your students will be receiving notice, mostly likely a message through Google Classroom or email, from their teachers. With students unable to physically attend classes through April 30, we are asking your active participation in supporting learning through this period.

Per the DOE, instruction during this period is considered enrichment. Brand-new content may be covered at some point the next 5 weeks however ability to remain in contact and provide necessary supports will definitely be considered. Teachers may be employing live online classroom discussions through WebEx or Google Classroom.

For those families that don't have devices, WiFi, or other connectivity, activities may be mailed home. There are carriers offering free WiFi service during this period so if you have a device, you may request free WiFi from Spectrum by calling 844-488-8398. There may be other carriers offering this as well.

For safety reasons, we are doing as much as possible online. We want to keep everyone safe so as much as possible we are aiming to minimize the distribution of paper packets- not only for home safety, but the safety of our employees as well. If you have any questions about the assignments, please email your child's teacher first as the school has reduced the amount of office hours and staff.

The learning curve for everyone in these uncertain times is huge. Teachers, parents, and students will all be navigating these new learning opportunities together. As we embark on this "distance learning" journey, please offer understanding to your child's teachers and all schools. I am asking please for support (not criticism) about how lessons and enrichment instruction is being addressed, everyone is honestly doing their best. I have been impressed with the work ethic and care our staff has showed, whether through their constant virtual meetings in trying to prepare learning opportunities or their efforts to reach out to their students and families. Our teachers truly care about your child, their safety, wellbeing and their education. Our staff also have families, personal concerns, and are trying to work through these challenging times. The truth of the matter is that many of our teachers are practicing and learning these online platforms perhaps even as I write this letter. That said, if or when you can't log in or do not receive the assignments, please reach out gently with kindness. We are all honestly trying our best.

I would also like to share the following link to the DOE's resource page which contains a wealth of resources, learning sites and updated information. The DOE has approved these online resources on this official site so they are safe for you and your child to access.

[bit.ly/HIDOEVirtualLearningParentResource](https://bit.ly/HIDOEVirtualLearningParentResource)

Again, thank you for your patience and all that you are doing to keep your families and community safe. These are unknown and scary times, but I know that together we can help our students and each other by offering each other support and hope.

Most Sincerely,

Shawn S. Suzuki, Principal

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OWN THEIR FUTURES**