



*April 24, 2020*

*Dear Sussex Montessori School Family,*

*We hope that you and your family are well during this time. We think of you all so often and are most excited for us all to be together as a school community! I love seeing your beautiful faces on zoom, but in person will be much, MUCH better!*

*As you know, Dr. Susan Bunting, Delaware's Secretary of Education has announced that students will not be returning to school on May 18<sup>th</sup> and that schools will continue to engage in remote learning for the remainder of this school year.*

*Sussex Montessori School's Leadership and Board continue to stay abreast of the evolving situation and are working on plans for the 2020-21 school year in partnership with the Delaware Charter School Network and the Delaware Department of Education.*

*As always, we want to make sure that our families have the resources that they need. Here are some that may assist you:*

- We will hold monthly Zoom meetings with families and children so that children and families can connect virtually and begin to get to know each other. These will be communicated directly to parents to ensure internet safety during the meetings. We will send out Zoom dates soon so that you can get them on your calendar!*
- We will continue to share web sites with you to learn more about Montessori schools and the approach as you prepare to transition for the fall.*
- While we know that your current school is providing online and at home instructional materials, we will continue to provide links to great activities for you to do with your children as you transition to Sussex Montessori School.*
- There are many sites across our community set up to provide school-aged children with breakfast and lunch. The site list gets updated regularly. You can find the sites listed on the Delaware Department of Education website here: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/page/4149>*

- *Attached is a document that has resources for parents and families that will be especially useful during this time.*
- *We encourage you to continue to remain informed about the situation by regularly checking updates from the [Delaware.gov COVID 19](#) page and the [CDC website](#) for information about COVID-19.*
- *Don't forget to begin putting your enrollment packets together for the Fall. We are here to help you if you have any questions!*

*We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We will continue to communicate regularly as we learn new information. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to email Kaneisha or myself.*

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*Stay Safe and Healthy,*

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