



VIA EMAIL

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Hello Pelham City Schools Parents,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy. Since our school closures due to COVID-19 happened with such short notice, we're all experiencing a wide range of feelings and concerns. I've heard from so many of our teachers and staff who truly miss the daily interactions with their students. And, while some students may be enjoying the unexpected downtime, others yearn for the daily school routine and contact with fellow students, teachers, and staff. In the absence of our personal interactions, it's been great to see social media posts of our schools, teachers, and students staying connected.

As we finish out this week and head into our scheduled Spring Break, we realize there are still many questions about what to expect in the coming weeks. Dr. Eric Mackey, the State Superintendent of Education, has created a task force to lead Alabama's efforts to identify short- and long-term priorities for school-wide operations both functionally and instructionally. In addition, here in Pelham, we are all fully engaged and working collaboratively to identify and address issues that are impacting the educational experience of our students.

On Monday, March 16 we shared optional learning resources for your students while we're out of school. Due to the Governor's issuance of a state of emergency and educational compliance issues, there are no mandatory assignments or graded work for any students now through April 6. Currently, our Pelham instructional team is developing additional resources with a more robust level of optional enrichment activities that students of all grade levels may access after Spring Break. Those materials will be made available before March 30.

Please know our students, employees, parents, and community are top of mind for us. We're focused on solving problems and creating solutions with the guidance of state and national public health protocols and our state department of education. We appreciate your patience and support as we work through this ever-changing situation in unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools