Corrected: Sharing SDUC Plan & updates on distance learning

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Dear U. City Families:

Today was our first day of distance learning for all students. Our staff and teachers hopefully were able to touch base with you and your children today, reconnect, and provide further direction on home projects and assignments. This week is a light week meant to provide check-in with your students and to introduce some learning activities. Teachers and staff will be further implementing lesson plans starting next Monday.

I want to share with you the full District Closure Plan we've created for addressing our building closures and the creation of the distance learning plan. This document conveys the actions we have taken and our learning goals during the closure of our school buildings.

Our staff is working under the principles of "Humanity, Clarity and Grace" as we implement the plan. This means we are trying to be as humane and concise as we can in making and implementing the plan with your children - and also allowing the grace to know that this plan may not be perfect and subject to change. We are working to make it as effective and valuable for your students as possible.

Please also note these important updates:

- The District has created a Distance Learning Hub on its website. It is a go-to place for parents to check in on assignments and activities by grade-level and program. It will be updated regularly. You can reach the hub by going to www.ucityschools.org/DistanceLearning. Or you can click on the Distance Learning button at the top of the District homepage.
- Third through fifth-grade students will soon need computers for their distance learning. If you do not have a computer in your home, laptops can be picked up curbside next Tuesday, March 31 at your children's schools. *Please note, the following dates are corrected from an earlier email.*
  - Third Grade: March 31 - 9 to 10:30 a.m.
  - Fourth Grade: March 31 - 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
  - Fifth Grade: March 31 - 12:30 to 2 p.m.
  - Make-up pickup for all grades: Wednesday, April 1 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.
  - After April 1: Pickup available at McNair Administration Building (8136 Groby Road). Please call 290-4003 before coming to the office.
- A plan is currently being developed for families in grades K-2 who may need laptops in their homes. Stay tuned for more information.
- Friday, March 27 begins the first of many Virtual School Spirit Days in all of our schools. Families and students are encouraged to take cell phone photos of their spirit day activity. You can then share your photo in the reply section of your school's Spirit Day post on your schools' individual Facebook Pages. This Friday is Pajama Day!
- The Grab & Go meal plan continues daily every weekday. Also, I hope you enjoy these photos taken by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of our families and volunteers in action.

As always, thank you for your partnership. I wish you and your family wellness, safety, togetherness, and the strength to move forward during these times. We are here for you.

In Service of Our Children,

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