



# THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Thompson Families,

I want to thank you all for your support and patience as the district implements our distant learning plan. Today marks the end of the second full week of school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past two weeks, we have learned how teaching and learning from home is impacting students, parents, and teachers. The challenges are great for everyone during this unprecedented time we are now all experiencing.

Today, I met with the administrative team to discuss some of the concerns raised by parents and teachers who are balancing working from home and helping their children complete school assignments. We all agree that we need to streamline some of the expectations for students and our teachers.

Principals will be meeting with their teachers (virtually) next week to review their curriculum to determine what learning targets and standards are essential for students to learn this year. They will be paring down assignment expectations and relaxing timelines for work completion. I will provide you all with an update next week once each school has had time to develop their plan.

It is also important for everyone to understand that we must continue to hold students accountable to complete assignments and to learn while schools are closed. If your child is currently falling far behind on their school assignments, please reach out to your child's teacher, special educator, counselor, or principal for assistance.

Distance learning is a new reality for us all. The faculty and staff of Thompson Public Schools will continue to listen to feedback from students and parents and make the necessary adjustments to the curriculum that is reasonable for all students to meet with success.

Enjoy the weekend and stay healthy and safe,

*Melinda A. Smith*

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