

Good evening, this is Dan Skewis, Superintendent of Schools

Tonight's SchoolMessenger call is to give our students and their families some direction on how distance learning will look to close out the school year. Please realize that adjustments will need to be made during this time. When these are made, students and parents will be made aware as soon as possible.

As you are aware, you have been asked to participate in two surveys regarding internet access at home. At some point tomorrow, your child's teacher will be calling you to confirm whether or not you have internet access at home. This might seem like a pain to be asked three times, but I can't express enough how important it is that we have accurate information moving forward.

Students who are able to receive instruction online, will begin communication with teachers on April 15. We will use April 15-17 as a time to work out bugs that could pop up. On April 20, online instruction will officially begin. It is important to understand that on-line instruction will not be done in a live, teacher-student situation. Instead, teachers will be posting recorded lessons in Google Classroom for students to access for the week. In addition to the recorded lessons, teachers will also have scheduled times during the week that students can ask questions. This will be done in a live format using Zoom. Students will be getting instructions from their teachers in the near future on how this will work. It will be important for students to be checking their negauneschools.org email frequently, so they have the latest information regarding online learning.

Students who are not able to receive instruction online, will receive their learning packets beginning April 20. These packets will be delivered to your house. This will be done every Monday for the remainder of the school year. Students who receive learning packets will need to have assignments finished each Monday. These assignments will be picked up at the same time the new assignments are dropped off.

I do not want to make this message too long. So, from this point forward, your main person to contact will be your grade level teacher if you are an elementary student, or your subject area teacher if you are in grades 7-12. Please feel free to email your child's building level principal if you have any administrative type questions. Do not use Facebook to ask questions. The best way to get an immediate (and accurate) answer is to email the appropriate person. If we feel the question is one that several people should hear the answer to, we will post it in an area where people can access the information. This message will be posted to the Negaunee Public Schools Webpage. The web address is www.negauneschools.org. The link will read, "School Messenger Call 4-5-20".

These next nine weeks will definitely be a different way for your child to receive instruction and for our teachers to deliver instruction. Our staff is confident that we will do everything possible to meet your child's need.

Have a. nice night