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*Edward Wehrer*  
*Superintendent*

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Dear Steel Valley Families,

I trust you had a restful holiday break! Whenever we celebrate the New Year, a sense of hope and optimism fills our minds and hearts, and 2021 certainly brings that to our community and country.

From now through January 22, we are continuing with fully remote learning. Our teachers have done an excellent job of adapting to this model of instruction, and many of our students have displayed the commitment and self-discipline in this environment to learn the content and to gain the skills that make up our curriculum. However, we know that a number of our students have not engaged fully during remote learning. Because so much of our curriculum relies on a foundation of previously learned skills, students face the real risk of falling behind if they do not attend their classes regularly and if they do not concentrate on the instruction and their assignments.

**I cannot state strongly enough that punctual, daily attendance in all classes is not only an expectation but also a requirement.** That holds just as true for online classes as it does for in-person instruction in our buildings. Good attendance helps establish the work ethic and accountability that our children will need throughout their careers and lives. Attached to this letter is a document that clearly states our expectations for our students for online learning. Please review those expectations with your child, and give them the support they need to learn and to grow.

At the same time, we know that many of our families are facing very difficult circumstances. If you need help, please reach out to your building principal, who can put you in touch with the best resource to make a positive difference for you. We have professionals that will work tirelessly to help your child and your family.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer

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**Student Expectations during Synchronous Remote Instruction**



**SVSD Online Guidelines**

- Students and parents/guardians are prohibited from making video and/or audio recordings of any live-streamed instruction and from copying any pre-recorded instruction.
- No pictures, screenshots, or video or audio recordings shall be taken, stored or shared of anyone without that person's permission.
- No pictures, screenshots, or video or audio recordings shall be posted to social media or online.
- Students' misconduct in a virtual environment will be subject to disciplinary action to the same extent and in the same manner as students violating school rules in the traditional setting.

## Student Expectations

<b>Point of Emphasis</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
<b>Learning Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clear the room/learning environment of distraction (pets, toys, siblings, etc.).</li> <li>● Turn off nearby televisions and radios.</li> <li>● Ensure you have a "school appropriate" background.</li> <li>● Students are expected to be in an environment/position that is conducive to learning (i.e. not lying in bed, etc.).</li> <li>● Maintain school conduct and school appropriate attire at all times.</li> <li>● Use headphones/earbuds, when possible, to eliminate background noise and distractions.</li> <li>● Mute your microphone until directed by the teacher to unmute and speak.</li> </ul>
<b>Conduct and Behavior</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Student cameras should remain on for the duration of the session unless instructed by the teacher otherwise.</b> A teacher should be able to see that students are actively engaged in class throughout the live session.</li> <li>● Students are expected to be active participants and prepared to interact and/or respond to teacher prompts/questions.</li> <li>● Students are expected to not consume food during live instruction.</li> <li>● Students are expected to display appropriate school behavior and language at all times.</li> <li>● Students are expected to be the only participants during live instruction (i.e. void of siblings, parents/guardians, pets, etc.).</li> <li>● If student conduct is disruptive to learning, the instructor can mute the participant, turn off the video and/or remove the student from the session.</li> <li>● Any student misconduct will be reported to the administration for documentation and follow-up.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Students are expected to attend each live session.</b> The teacher will take attendance at the beginning of each session to ensure that all participants are present and ready to learn. <u>Be in class on time.</u></li> <li>● Students should not log off the session until directed by the teacher.</li> <li>● Students who are unable to participate in live sessions will be responsible for completing all activities/assignments located in Google Classroom.</li> <li>● Families that cannot attend live sessions should contact the building principal.</li> </ul>