

# **Hinsdale South Remote Learning 2.0: Helpful Information**

## **1) Parent/Guardian Participation in Remote Learning**

We recognize and respect how deeply committed our families are to the education of their children. However, it has come to our attention that some of our parents/guardians have been actively participating in the remote learning discussions and activities our students and teachers have been engaged in since the start of the school year.

While we understand that there may be a need to assist with technology-related issues during class or assignments completed outside of class, we must ask parents/guardians to please refrain from taking part in the lessons being administered during the instructional day. Doing so will help achieve the following goals:

- Students will be able to independently build upon their growth, development and capacity as learners.
- Teachers will be able to more accurately and effectively assess the knowledge, skills and abilities of our students.
- Students will be able to forge a strong bond with their teachers and each other that will contribute to their success both in and out of the classroom.

We are also asking parents/guardians to help students create an environment at home (e.g., quiet space, good lighting, minimal distractions, etc.) that will best support and promote learning. We realize this may be difficult at times given the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, whatever can be done to establish greater consistency and routine would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, students who are struggling with any aspect or element of the remote learning process are encouraged to contact their teachers as soon as possible. If the teachers are unable to assist with the issue, they will help identify the individuals who can. Parents of students in the Foundations program are encouraged to model and provide appropriate engagement strategies to increase their student's independence with remote learning formats.

## **2) Students should use their D86-issued Chromebook**

In order to ensure compatibility with the software and learning tools that are part of Remote Learning in District 86, students should use their D86-issued Chromebook whenever they are participating in classroom activities or video conferencing sessions. Personnel devices are not supported, and compatibility issues can lead to loss of instructional time.