



SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

of Seventh-day Adventists

March 15, 2020

Re: SAC response to Covid-19 in schools

Dear Valued Parents:

We are constantly monitoring the health situation with Coronavirus (Covid-19). The South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Administrative Committee has voted to side with precaution and prevention. The safety of your student(s) and our staff is our top priority. We continue our commitment to quality, standards-based Adventist education. Therefore, we have put in place the following Conference-wide educational guidelines to help us further our mission of Growing Excellence during this time:

- **School Sanitization** – All K-12 SAC schools have undergone cleaning per guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control.
- **School Closures** - Schools will be closed from March, 16 – March 20. Teachers will be working from their school sites each day from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and students will participate in eLearning Days. Students are not to report to school. Teachers will post student work that is germane to their learning currently occurring in the classroom in an online format of the local school building's choice. Teachers will provide lesson plans for their parents in FACTS. If your child does not have access to a printer or digital resources (i.e. laptop, desktop, iPad, etc.) at home, your school will have work packets available for pick up between the times listed above.
- **Spring Break** – Spring break has been moved. All SAC schools will have spring break March 23 -27 to accommodate state recommendations for closures. We apologize for any inconvenience. SAC will assess the situation during the spring break recess. We pray schools will be able to resume in their traditional settings on March 30.
- **SAC School Facilities and Activities** – All SAC events and activities have been cancelled until further notice. This includes all school related events, extra-curricular activities, school related trips, school-community events, and facility rentals.
- **Iowa Assessments** – IA testing has been cancelled for this school year. Students will resume Star360 assessments once they return to the classroom in April.

We strongly encourage all our families to follow the NEWSTART plan: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God. May the Lord bless each of you as we seek His counsel in these trying times.

In His Service,

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