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Information about ongoing access to student learning opportunities for Wayland High School families

Even though the next three weeks do not count as typical school days, we will still provide ongoing access to learning opportunities for students. At the high school, teachers are creating enrichment learning opportunities that are connected to their individual courses and that will provide both structure and engagement for students. Teachers are planning for approximately 30 to 40 minutes of daily enrichment per course. Listening and responding to podcasts, reflecting on current events, exploring virtual historical sites, critically examining propaganda, and conducting internet research on scientific topics are some examples of activities that teachers are developing. Most learning opportunities will occur asynchronously -- that is, students and teachers will not be "meeting" together at a particular time -- but teachers may set up virtual meetings with small groups of students when desirable and necessary.

Although these enrichment activities are not mandatory for students to complete, **we recognize the vital importance of continuing to learn, think, and create when it comes to maintaining social emotional health.** Especially during a time that feels so strange, uncertain, and even scary, we want our students to find security and well-being through staying connected with their teachers and continuing their learning.

Special education liaisons and guidance counselors will stay in contact with their students during this time to support their learning and emotional health. Administration, along with our department leaders of guidance and special education, will meet at least twice weekly to discuss students of concern and establish strategies for staying connected with them. Parents should continue to reach out to support staff and administrators with any questions or updates as to your students' well being.