



## Gregory School District 26-4

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Greetings students and parents/guardians of the Gregory School District. Welcome to our version of flexible learning. We will all learn much as we embark on this new style of learning. I ask for your patience and understanding for all.

Teacher's will be available for questions via their school email, or any other way they have provided to be contacted during the regular school day hours of 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. We understand that everyone may not be available during these "school times". Please allow 24 hours for email response.

As a guideline, we have shared with our teachers that research tells us, the average attention span of a student is their age times two. For example, a kindergartener who is 5 years old has an average attention span of 10 minutes per subject level. A junior who is 17 years old has an average attention span of 34 minutes per subject level. We've asked that these parameters be used as a measuring stick for flexible learning. Remember, these "school days" are not going to look like a "normal" school day. We are very aware of the additional stress put on our teachers, students and parents during these times. We want to work with everyone to make this new platform a success.

A reminder, that this "new" style of flexible learning is NOT optional. All students are accountable for their learning from their teacher(s). The work assigned on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> is all due on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise indicated. If you are working via internet, you are encouraged to turn in your assignments electronically as soon as they are completed.

In addition to this flexible learning, we will continue to provide food service. We will be offering a breakfast and lunch option. Both meals will be picked up from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the main elementary doors. Reminder that these meals are FREE of charge to all children aged 1-18. A menu will be posted weekly on the school Facebook page for the duration we are not in regular attendance and providing flexible learning.

There will be more information coming in the days ahead. This information will be available on our school website: [www.gregory.k12.sd.us](http://www.gregory.k12.sd.us); on our school Facebook page, and through the use of School Messenger. We have set up a COVID-19 Distance Learning tab on our school district website. Please utilize this to navigate eLearning.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters and learn how to provide K-12 public education through a flexible learning plan. We are all in this together!

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