



New Discoveries

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Dear NDMA Family,

Please note the following:

1. *Assessment.* Minnesota Department of Education received the waiver they recently applied for from the United States Department of Education for the suspension of state testing. Therefore, it has been confirmed that we will NOT be administering MCA III assessments this spring.
2. *Technology.* Please know that your child/ren can do their *Distance Learning without access to internet and technology devices*. However, if you would like to access online resources, we will loan your family a technology device (e.g. Chromebook) once the following steps have been followed:
 - a. You need to secure internet service. We cannot do this for you. You must contact a provider and complete the process required by the provider. There are programs through most providers that will provide financial help based on income. You need to contact the provider and follow their process.
 - b. You need to complete, sign and submit a Technology Device agreement for New Discoveries. Your child's Teacher or the NDMA office can share a copy with you.
 - c. We will arrange delivery of the technology device to your home. *Delivery of technology devices will begin Wednesday, April 1st (tomorrow).*
3. *Distance Learning.* If you haven't yet talked with one of your child's Teachers about your distance learning concerns, please reach out to them. They are prepared to work with you to make this effort as painless as possible for you. Thank you for your hard work and patience in this regard. Please note we will be sending two-week's worth of work home on Monday, April 6th due to the short weeks for Good Friday (no school Friday, April 10th), and for Easter Monday (no school Monday, April 13th).

Dave Conrad

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