



## South Washington County Schools

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board  
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Kelly Jansen, Director of Teaching and Learning Services

DATE: May 7, 2020

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Distance Learning 2.0

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Governor's Executive Order 20-41

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: May 7, 2020

### REPORT

On April 23, 2020, Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-41 authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Education to Extend the Distance Learning Period and Continue to Provide a Safe Learning Environment for Minnesota's Students. An excerpt from the Governor's order is below.

"To preserve the health, safety, and lives of Minnesotans, it is necessary to extend the Distance Learning Period for all Minnesota school districts and charter schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school calendar year ("Extended Distance Learning Period"). Although distance learning is a critical component of our response to COVID-19, our Administration believes that we can make improvements to reduce disparities in students' experiences due to unequal access to internet. Schools are community hubs for children and families. As such, school closures put burdens on children and families and disproportionately impact communities of color, as well as indigenous, immigrant, and low-income families and communities. We thank school staff for their dedication to students. I call on school districts and charter schools to continue to prioritize innovation and direct outreach to students. In addition to distance learning, schools must continue to ensure students receive daily meals and provide other services virtually where possible, such as physical and mental health care supports."

Kelly Jansen, Director of Teaching and Learning, will present an overview of the Distance Learning 2.0 plan.