

# REMOTE LEARNING CONSIDERATIONS

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## Contacting Students and Parents

- ✓ It is our recommendation that you do **NOT** share your personal cell or home phone with students or parents. Consider using Remind, Google Phone, or other online resources.
- ✓ Use your classroom phone if you feel comfortable and that is possible.
- ✓ If all else fails, type \*67 before making a call and this will block your number.
- ✓ Do not answer calls from unknow numbers. Wait for them to leave a message.

## Virtual Meetings With students

- ✓ We discourage the use of one-on-one or group video conferencing because we believe there is potential for things to happen beyond your control that could be bad.
- ✓ If you are required to use Zoom or some other video conferencing platform the district should be required to provide training for all staff.
- ✓ The District should also be required to send guidelines and expectations for use of remote learning platforms to all staff, students, and parents.
- ✓ These guidelines should include consequences for violation of the expectations.
- ✓ The Association could issue a demand to bargain, or at a minimum, consult on these guidelines.

## Some Personal Suggestions for Holding Virtual Meetings

- ✓ Make sure your background is free of anything that could be considered offensive, like political messages, empty (or full) wine bottles, etc.
- ✓ Make sure you are wearing appropriate clothing – nothing political, no beer t-shirts, avoid anything with advertising or pictures.
- ✓ If you are using Zoom, consider adding a virtual background such as a picture instead of allowing viewers to see your home.
- ✓ Make sure your children, spouse, or pets are not doing something in the background.
- ✓ You should **NOT** be in a chatroom with just yourself and one student.

## Some Technical Suggestions for Holding Virtual Meetings

- ✓ Consider disabling the student's ability to share their screens.
- ✓ You can also disable your student's video/audio sharing in the settings of a Zoom meeting – and possible other platforms (this should be part of the training you receive).
- ✓ Only send links to your students via email. Posting them on your webpage, Facebook, Twitter or the like could lead to “Zoom Bombing” – people actually look for open meetings in order to do interesting or inappropriate things.

## Remember It Is Still Your Classroom

- ✓ Indicate at the beginning of the session that it may not be recorded.
- ✓ Set clear expectations for student behavior and review it at the beginning of every online session.
- ✓ If you see a student with inappropriate clothing (alcohol, drugs, foul language on their shirt), address it immediately.
- ✓ Try to set the meeting so chat cannot start until you join the meeting.
- ✓ Any behavior online that you would not allow in your classroom should be documented and reported to the administration immediately via the usual protocol.
- ✓ If the camera is off or the device does not show the students name, do not allow them in the meeting.
- ✓ Make it clear that the meeting is only for students. If parents have a questions, they should contact the teacher.