



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
PACIFIC SOUTH DISTRICT
Okinawa/Guam



April 13, 2020

Pacific South Parents and Sponsors,

Welcome back to the 4th quarter of school year 19-20! Initially we had projected that schools would be back in face-to-face sessions this week. The current conditions with COVID-19 force us to continue with e-learning until conditions improve. The DoDEA staff will continue to provide online activities and instruction for students until we are able to return to the classrooms.

We recognize that e-learning creates new challenges for families, students, and staff. The challenges we have heard the most about seem to be focused on having the right amount of work, computer accessibility, bandwidth, scheduling, and communication. The Pacific South District is taking steps to address these concerns. Computers are available for checkout to families if computer access is a challenge. Adjustments are being made to the amount and type of work that is being assigned for students. Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher or building principal for assistance if you would like to borrow a computer or have concerns.

The professional development day for teachers has been rescheduled for April 20, 2020 for all teachers. There will be no e-learning activities for students on that day. Originally, this professional development had been scheduled for April 17 or 20, depending on the school(s) your child(ren) attend.

Again, I want to thank you for your support and involvement during this unprecedented time. The educators working with your students will continue to work to refine the processes and programs to ensure the best possible education is being provided for our students.

Jim Journey

Pacific South

District Superintendent