



# staying connected

A note to students from Dr. Erin Prince, Superintendent

## Things went sideways—and that's ok

My job as superintendent is to lead our district and ensure *you* receive the best education possible. But school is about more than teaching and learning. It's where you've developed routines and connections with caring adults. It's where you are discovering your interests, building your strengths, and leaning on friends. Your school is not just a place: it is a community.

Our goal is to recreate this community as you continue your learning from home. We will help you connect and learn in new ways. We will offer compassion and understanding that this situation is new and challenging. We will show patience. And we will need patience from you, also. *We will all do our best, and that is right where we need to be.*

## Report cards will look different

Some of you are upset and confused about changing to a Pass/Incomplete system for second semester. I hear you! My concern is that assessments of learning should be fair and meaningful for all students. Right now, that's not something letter grades can achieve. Rest assured, your college and career plans will not be harmed by this temporary grading system. Washington universities will not be using Pass/Incomplete as part of your GPA. We expect other colleges and universities nationwide to also adjust their admissions criteria.

## A special note to seniors

We know this is an especially tough time for seniors. I promise that we will find ways to celebrate you, honor your achievements, and send you on your next path with the support and care you deserve. We will move through this together and do all we can to ensure your success.

## You ALL matter to us!

We are in the midst of a public health crisis that is shaping our whole world—and its impact goes far beyond education. Yet I also know how deeply this is affecting our schools. Before we make any decision, we continue asking the same question: "What is best for all students?" Always remember that you matter to us. Stay strong and stay well!