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Dear Adult Education Academic Learners,

At the last School Board meeting (April 15th) it was announced that MSAD#1 is extending Remote Learning until at least May 15. This includes all Adult Education classes. However, there is a strong possibility live classes will not resume this school year. Today I want to stress a few things as we move forward.

- Please maintain communication with your teachers. They are only able to address problems if they are aware of them.
- If technology is an issue we have several workarounds to help you to continue to move forward. I am happy to drop off and pick up work directly. Just let me or your teacher know what you need for extra support.
- Turn in your assignments as soon as possible so that teachers can grade them and update your progress. The time you have spent working does not count until the assignment is received.
- You can still turn in any assignments that were given since school has been closed; it is not too late. If you have hardcopies, the container will be available outside the adult education office on Tuesdays and Wednesday, 10:00-12:00.
- We are working with the testing company ETS as well as those in Augusta to develop a plan to make HiSET testing available during this time. We will let you know as soon as we have a viable plan. Please keep practicing your skills.
- If possible, please like and follow us on FaceBook. We make regular posts about classes, opportunities for learning/training/employment as well as words of encouragement. Check in often!
- Graduates: We are exploring options for graduation. Soon, we will be reaching out to each of you to share with you our plan. I sincerely understand how unfair this situation continues to be for you. We are working on something special!

I know circumstances may make it difficult, but please try to make the next weeks as close to “normal” as possible. Next week, April 20-24, is April vacation week. Teachers may not be as readily available as they have been. I will be available if you need anything. My email is lerae.kinney@sad1.org and my number is 227-5551. I am also available via FaceBook messenger.
Finally, I thought I would share the words of Governor Mills. Please take her advice the best you can during this crazy time: "This weekend, please take time for yourself. Go fishing. Read a book. Watch a movie with your family. Go for a long walk with a friend. Call someone whom you haven’t spoken with in a while. Like the spring season that is happening all around us, we all need to take time to refresh and renew our spirits, particularly when life presents us with such uncertainties. These times are especially challenging, but I am honored to take on this challenge with all of you by my side. We will get through this together." Gov. Janet T Mills

Take care, stay safe and stay positive.

Sincerely,

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Director