

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear LSDVI and SSP families,

I pray that this letter finds you in excellent health. The current global state of affairs has presented us with trying times. Times like these test the human spirit and resolve. As members of the human race, we have to lend a hand to help each other and leave no one behind. Saying this, I would like to thank each one of you for the kindness, patience and professionalism you have shown as we move forward in insuring the continuity of instructional services for our young scholars.

Governor Jon Bel Edwards signed a proclamation on March 13, 2020, which declared a state of emergency for our state due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the risk of person-to-person transmission of the disease. This action made necessary the limitations imposed on large gatherings of people and, as a result, public school children (who are most likely carriers) are affected due to school closure until April 13, 2020.

I would like to assure you that the health and well-being of our students within the Louisiana Special School District is my number one priority. We will get through this together. Our leaders will be providing additional resources and information for our students and their families. District staff are working tirelessly to provide our students with supplemental instructional materials. Please check the SSD website for resources. <https://www.ssdofla.com>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Ernest.Garrett@la.gov, any member of the Superintendent's Cabinet at lassdcommunications@gmail.com, or your young scholar's school/program.

Sincerely,

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