The Office of Family Engagement and Community Partnerships believes that academic success of all students can be achieved when there is a strong relationship between the schools, families, community and partners. Call us for:

- Family engagement opportunities
- Community events and opportunities
- Parent concerns
- Volunteer opportunities
- Community and faith-based partnerships
- Parent Advisory Councils (PAC)

**Family Support:**
If families have questions contact:
1. Child’s teacher
2. School
3. Office of Family Engagement
Call: 651-767-8347 or Email family.engagement@spps.org

**ESL Family Support:**
1. Bilingual EAs at school
2. Language Line (now free to all schools using OFECP budget)
3. Family Engagement

**Special Education:**
Fill out [Special Education Contact Form](#) in English, Hmong, Somali, Spanish or Call: 651-767-8321

**iPad Damage & Replacement:**
If a student’s iPad is damaged or needs to be replaced, please report the issue by emailing or calling SPPS Technology Services:

Email: familysupport@spps.org
Call: 651-603-4348 from 7am-8 pm
Please leave a detailed voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For the most up to date information, go to: spps.org/covid

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**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

**Family Engagement: Our Work**

In Saint Paul Public Schools, we recognize that our mission to provide a premier education for all depends on broad-based support – from students, families, staff, partner organizations and community members. The Office of Family Engagement & Community Partnerships works to build this support.
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FOR SOMALI FAMILIES

Mohamed Hadi connects families and Somali SPPS staff through:
Whatsapp, Google Meet, phone conferences, emails, text messages, Skype, in person at the parking lot of any Halal meat stores, at Highwood Hills playground and families’ homes.

FOR HMONG FAMILIES

- Pang works with SPPS Communications department to ensure the most important messages from SPPS are getting out to the Hmong Community via Hmong Radio.
- Pang does a live radio show every Friday on Hmong Radio. Her cell phone number is shared so families can follow up with her to clarify information and ask questions.
- The radio show is played three times a day.
- Pang also connects with families using phone calls, texts, Google Meet, phone conferences for the Hmong families during COVID-19.
- NEW! Hmong Parent Advisory Council FACEBOOK Group
FOR LCD FAMILIES

- The Latino Consent Decree Program is creating lessons for parents to help support Distance Learning. They are developing these lessons as they receive questions, concerns, and feedback from parents in the district. The lessons are shared via social media (Facebook & Twitter), to individual families via text or email, and on the LCD web site.

Lessons for Latino/Hispanic Families
Módulo 1, Lección 1: Colaboración entre el Hogar y la Escuela
Módulo 1, Lección 2: Ayuda con el iPad
Módulo 1, Lección 3: Glosario de Términos, Seesaw, Códigos
Módulo 2, Lección 4: Asistencia
Módulo 2, Lección 5: Cancelan las Evaluaciones Estatales
Módulo 2, Lección 6: Horarios y Expectativas
Módulo 2, Lección 7: Conectando tu Hot Spot

- LCD also created a Facebook group, where we share all information from the district and is available for families to ask questions or express their concerns regarding Distance Learning.
- LCD has created the LCD Newsletter with families with HLQ Spanish.
- LCD PAC has created a network to share information with families.
- LCD PAC has a YouTube channel where families upload videos created from students and families regarding Distance Learning and other topics.
- School Support Form: https://forms.gle/wQACWcA3mmxbvz1Y8

FOR KAREN FAMILIES

- Sunshine connects with Karen staff, families and community partners (Karen Organization of Minnesota, Karen Community of Minnesota, Urban Village, and Karen Churches).

- Sunshine connects and shares information through phone calls, emails, Google Meet, Messenger, Facebook. They have a weekly SPPS Karen staff meeting on Wednesday from 3:00 PM-4:30 PM in order to share and update each other about Distance Learning through Google Meet. There will be a monthly virtual KPAC meeting.

FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES

- Miesha has regular communication with PAASAC members through email and phone calls.
- Families who are not part of PAASAC can feel free to reach out directly to her if they are interested or have any questions.

FOR AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILIES

- Dominic connects with families through Facebook, Twitter and American Indian staff.
- He also contributes to the American Indian Newsletter.

FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FAMILIES

- Jackie shares information with families via Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)- Meetings are monthly.

- Upcoming meetings are: May and June. SEAC meetings are open to the public and open to guests anytime. SEAC membership requires application approval and regular attendance.

- SEAC Chatter- emails are shared with information and resources relevant to the disability community. (contact Jackie to be added to the list)

- SEAC Facebook Group- a place for the disability community to connect, share and learn.

- Special Education Family Engagement Website- has information about Special Education Family Engagement events, SEAC and Community Resources.

- Jackie can help families problem solve, connect families to resources & work with teachers to share out information with families.

MEALS DELIVERY SERVICE

A big change for families this week is the Meal Service Delivery.

Families will be receiving information from the District and Schools. Family Engagement will be reaching out to families to provide additional support as needed.

spps.org/covidmeals.
HELPFUL LINKS & RESOURCES

COMMUNITY

- **CENSUS**
- **COPAL - COVID-19 RESOURCES** - Organizing Latinx power and action.
- **NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH (NAMI)** - Resources, classes and support.
- **PACER CENTER Webinars** - Support for families that have students with disabilities. Families can access numerous recorded trainings on topics such as mental health, assistive technology, early childhood, and more.
- **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** - Resources available on health and COVID 19 in English, Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish and 17 other languages. Search translated materials.
- **RAMSEY COUNTY** - COVID-19 resources available in English, Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish
- **CITY OF SAINT PAUL IMMIGRATION RESOURCES** - Resources for Immigrant and Refugee Communities.
- **YMCA** - Online health and fitness videos, for adults and kids.
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS** - For people with and without Intellectual Disabilities. Learn about the Inclusion Movement, At Home Activities, School of Strength with WWE Becky Lynch and more.
- **Ramadan & Distance Learning: Insight from Two Muslim Parents**
- **Immigrant Connections**
- **Ramsey County COVID-19** - Information with translations in Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish
- **Technology Fund for Connection** - Launched by Arc Minnesota; provides technology resources to Minnesotans with disabilities, their parents, or guardians. Funds are available for phones, devices, tablets, or other items.
- **The Urban Village Coloring Book** - A coloring book honoring Karen and Karenni culture and tradition in 30 colorable pages.
- **Minnesota Food Helpline 1-888-711-1151**
- **Sheriff’s Help Team for COVID-19** - Ramsey County Sheriff Team brings food from Food Shelves (as well as other items) to the family home. Call them or register over email.
- **IRS.GOV**

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- **SPPS: COVID-19**
- **GOOGLE MEET TIPS FOR FAMILIES**
- **SCREEN RECORDING**
- **MEAL SERVICE DELIVERY**
- **IPAD HELP**
- **IPAD BASIC HOW TO VIDEO** - helpful videos to share with families. Instructions start with “how to turn on”.
- **SPPS Library Services**
- **Virtual Library** - Resources for research, reading, skill building and review resources
- **Library Go for Teachers webinar**

SPPS partners with Saint Paul Public Libraries to offer “Library Go”. The below link to the Webinar for Teachers has information presented in simple terms for parents and educators. Please share this valuable resource with families.

Included in webinar is information about the popular, homework help **Brainfuse**. Live Online tutoring available everyday from 1:00 -11:00 pm in English and Spanish from experts.

Overdrive Libby is an online reading resources available in English and Spanish. This is available on all student’s iPads on the “Libby” app.