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| **Home of the Cougars** | **Viborg-Hurley School District 60-6***“Empowering our students to succeed in an ever changing world”***Brett Mellem,** Superintendent/MS Principal • **Peggy Petersen**, Elem./Colony Principal**Cory Jensen**, HS Principal • **Wanda Kost**, Business Manager |

Dear Viborg-Hurley Cougars,

YOU and your students are missed! We appreciate your engagement in our new platforms. With the closing of school, it can stir up a lot of feelings: scary, alarming, lonely, weird, and even fun. Like all the tough stuff in life, it can be complicated! We want you to know that we are in this TOGETHER! By working together, we can reduce the worry that surrounds the COVID-19 virus. Together is better. We will do everything we can to provide your student with care and support, even outside the typical school house.

I’m offering the opportunity to talk with me during 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Monday through Friday. These will be my office hours for the coming weeks. You can reach me in the following ways as I limit my departures for social distancing:

* PHONE: Students and families can reach me by phone during my office hours at 605-204-9167 (TextNow app phone number)
* TEXT: Students and families can reach me by texting during my office hours at 605-204-9167 (TextNow app phone number)
* Email: Jessica.schmit@k12.sd.us
* SC: MsJSchmit
* Zoom: We can set up Zoom to meet for individual counseling sessions. I will set up my area at home and shut the door to offer you as much privacy as possible. Below is a link that covers FERPA (privacy standards for school records) and Zoom.

 <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/childrens-privacy.html>

I will reach out to students to help them build their personal learning plans for the next four years, get registered for their 2020-2021 courses, sign up for dual credit classes, and compile their scholarship applications at a later time.

Please feel free contact me with any other questions you may have or to set up a time to connect with your student individually. I’m always open to questions and feedback. Be gentle with yourselves, stay connected while honoring social distancing. I am confident that we will get through this together!

Ms. Jessica Schmit

School Counselor

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