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To: Le Mars Community School District

From: Dr. Steve Webner, Superintendent

Re: Corona Virus Prevention Update

1. Governor Reynolds has waived the 4 weeks of no school. This means that we will not need to make these missed school days up during the summer. At this point, the earliest we will restart school is April 13, 2020. **The Le Mars Board of Education made a decision that classes will resume on April 13, 2020.** Previously, this date was reserved for spring break vacation. Since our students will be gone for 4 weeks, the district believes it is important to restart school as soon as possible. Should the Governor prolong this no school directive, we will notify you.
2. The loss of learning opportunities during this extended time away from school is concerning. In order to combat this concern, our staff members are providing enrichment opportunities for our students. These enrichment opportunities are in place to decrease the amount of lost learning by providing students opportunities to keep up on current learning, prepare for future learning, and general enjoyment/passing the time. Students will be able to access these enrichment opportunities from the high school and middle school through the district website, or teachers will contact students/families via email. View the following in order to access teacher enrichment files:
 - a. www.lemarscsd.org
 - b. Click "Schools" at the top of the page
 - c. Click "Assignments Webpage"
 - d. Go to the teacher in which you seek enrichments

NOTE: If you do not see any enrichment from a particular teacher, please be patient. During this time, there will be no required student work to be completed, other than WIT concurrent courses. Also, no work will be graded, utilized for extra credit, or utilized for incentives upon return to school. Parents/guardians, we ask that you strongly consider setting aside time each day for students to continue learning through these resources.

3. Starting sometime during the week of March 23, the school district will start providing "grab and go" sack lunches to our students. These sack lunches will be free of charge. Due to federal guidelines, we will only be able to serve these lunches at the high school and Clark Elementary. Once we have more information from the State of Iowa, we will send a press release, email parents/guardians, and post information on our district website regarding this program's details.

Additionally, there are other programs around the community providing students needed food. Examples:

- a. Starting today, March 19 and Friday, March 20, American Bank/Perspective Insurance along with Bob's Drive inn and Godfathers, will be providing a limited number of lunches from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. They will be ready for pick up at American Bank in Le Mars at the north entrance. They ask that you please be respectful and only take what you truly need (limit one lunch per child), as their goal is to reach students with the greatest need. Call 712-546-2345 to set up in-town delivery. Available while supplies last.
- b. Starting Friday, March 20, families with students with great need may pick up meals at Rejoice! Community Church on Fridays and Tuesdays from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Please drive down Prospect Street by Kluckhohn and turn left at the bottom of the hill. Food will be loaded into your car curbside. There will be 200 meals available. Again, please note this is for families of students with great need.



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4. All facilities are closed to the public. The Superintendent's Office is functioning on a limited and restricted basis.
5. All activities have been postponed or cancelled through April 12, 2020. Announcements will be forthcoming. The activities calendar can be found at the Missouri River Conference website. <https://missouririverconf.org/public/genie/167/school/271/>.

If you would like accurate information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), the following are suggested sources:

Iowa Department of Public Health <https://idph.iowa.gov/>
Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/>

The health and safety of our students and staff are our highest priority. We will get through this unprecedented time. Please be patient and assist us in preventing the spread of this virus by following CDC and Iowa Dept. of Public Health guidelines. Thank you, Bulldogs!