

March 14, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and Friends,

After a lengthy discussion this morning with key staff, I have made the decision to close school for March 16, 17, and 18. The Governor ordered closing will take effect March 18 at 5 PM.

This decision was not easy but considering so many students and staff traveled over the past week, I feel it does not make sense to have school for three days and then close due to the spread of COVID-19. We must do our part to slow the spread of the virus so the medical community can stay on top of the situation.

I understand the hardship this may cause families. We are working on making food available to families through Weekend Kids Meals and Food Service but need additional information from DPI before anything can be finalized. Expect more information about this next week.

We will undoubtedly need to make up time missed from instruction. At this point, I will be recommending to the School Board to have school on Good Friday, April 10 in addition to our scheduled make up day on April 13 and extending the school year further into June. We will excuse absences on April 10 for religious reasons. All of this will be dependent on school resuming April 6. Please understand the fluidity of this situation. We appreciate everyone's patience.

I wish all of your families well. As always, the safety of our students, staff, and families remains our top priority. We will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Jeff Koenig
Superintendent