



Superintendent's Office

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As of today, Thursday, April 16, 2020 Governor Evers has extended the "Safer at Home" Order until May 26, 2020 and has ordered all public and private schools closed through the remainder of the school year. You can see a press release as well as a link to the latest Order by [clicking here](#).

While schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the year and our buildings are physically closed, we do intend to continue to support our families in a similar manner to how we have thus far. In general, this new Order will NOT change our approach. Our staff will continue to provide educational activities and resources to students and families; we will also continue providing meals to kids utilizing the same approach we have been. Our plan is to provide these educational opportunities and resources, including meals, at least through May 26. Additional information about how the school year will wrap up will be communicated in the future. Again, the focus has been and will continue to be, providing support and resources to our students and families rather than accountability. Most aspects of my [April 14th communication](#) sent out earlier this week remain unchanged, aside from the fact that we now know that students will not be returning to school this school year.

We are continuing plans for summer school; however, it seems unlikely that regular June summer school opportunities will be held as planned. Registration for the swim, tennis and gymnastics programs was anticipated to take place starting May 1st, but we will need to see how things unfold here in the next few weeks – registration may be pushed later, toward June, given the circumstances. If we can hold summer school, we will make every attempt to be prepared to do so. Even if we are unable to hold summer school as originally planned, we do intend to provide some sort of summer opportunities for kids as long as it is allowed by the Department of Health and the Department of Public Instruction - this could be in June, July and/ or August. This would NOT be required or mandatory, if we are able to run sessions.

As has been discussed in the past, you will receive information from your child(ren)'s individual schools with relevant details unique to each building. Our high schools are working on setting alternate dates for graduation and other significant occurrences which will be communicated in the near future to allow families to make plans.

In addition, we will develop plans that will allow for parents and students to come to our various schools to pick up items left behind when it is safe to do so. I intend to coordinate with our staff as well as our local Health Department to develop a timeline and approach to allow this to happen. Again, details will be provided when they become available.

I realize that this is not welcome news and presents yet another degree of stress and hardship for our families and community. This circumstance is beyond our control; however, our District and our schools are here to provide any type of support and assistance we are able to- please feel free to reach out to your child(ren)'s school directly for assistance of any kind. If we cannot help, we can typically align you with other community resources.

On behalf of our staff and the entire school district, I want to express deep regret in the fact that the senior class is missing out on those "first lasts" and typical activities marked during this latter portion of the school year. It is unfortunate that all of our students are missing out on the plethora of opportunities and rich experiences that being in the school setting among their peers and a caring school community offers. I want to recognize the hard work and achievement that our students have strived so hard to accomplish up to this point, and I'm truly sorry for this situation that is beyond all of our control. Please know that all of us at WRPS look forward to the day when we are all back together again.

THANK YOU yet again for your continued patience and support and as always, feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Craig G. Broeren
Superintendent