



March 20, 2020

Message to Parents and Guardians:

This is the third official day of our “Off-Campus” learning and while I recognize it is not ideal, I appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as everyone adjusts. Our schools have had to make a major shift in their educational delivery format practically overnight; and I sincerely appreciate the efforts of WRPS staff members as they continue to provide what is needed in terms of educational materials, online technological support, meals, and the list goes on. I also want to say “thank you” to you, our parents/guardians as well. I know that this has been a huge adjustment for our students and families to assimilate to, and we sincerely appreciate your support and cooperation as we all navigate these uncharted waters.

You are no doubt hearing that the current statewide school closure will be longer than originally anticipated. I am continuously monitoring the situation and will provide our parents and students with relevant updates as they become available. At this time, it seems clear that the school closures will take us past April 6, 2020; however, since there has been no definitive word on how long this may be, I am waiting to provide additional details. Parents and community members should be aware that there is a possibility that students may not return to school for the remainder of this school year. I feel it necessary to let you know that our entire staff would much prefer our students to be in our buildings and our classrooms; we will be more ready than ever when that finally occurs. Rest assured, you will receive communications from the District as more information becomes available. For the time being, we will continue our current approach following Spring Break. I hope to hear more over the next week or so which will allow me to provide you additional details during the week of March 30. It is clear to me that if this school closure continues through the end of the school year, we will likely change our approach to some degree; again, these details will be provided as they become known.

Following is a recap of the upcoming timeline:

- March 23 through 27 - Spring Break - NO educational materials will be provided or educational expectations in place
- March 30 through April 3 - Resume approach we are currently using with off-campus learning
- April 6 through ? - To be determined

Meals will resume on March 30 and continue to be provided as outlined previously. Note that during Spring Break week, the local Boys & Girls Club will be serving a similar “Grab-n-Go” meal service out of their Pitsch location at 501 17th Street South. Feel free to call them at 715-424-2582 if you have any questions.

I want to mention that with regard to Summer School, our plans continue as though Summer School will be occurring; however, we will continue to monitor the situation as time moves on and make decisions and adjustments with respect to that programming as details become



known. We were planning to open registration for the swim, gymnastics, and tennis lessons (as well as new offerings for the middle school level) in early April; however, for the time being we are pushing the registration for those sessions out to the first week of May. More information will be shared regarding this later in April.

Again, additional details will be provided to families the week of March 30. Thank you once again for your continued patience and support as we work through this. While Spring Break might look a bit different this year for your family, I hope you are able to enjoy it.

Craig G. Broeren, Superintendent