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Ram Nation:

On Thursday March 12, 2020, Governor Mike Dewine issued a directive that all K-12 schools in the state of Ohio are to shut down for a period of 3 weeks from March 17- April 3, 2020. Schools are required to continue to provide learning through alternative means, and staff should report to work as directed by administrators. This order was continued and the shutdown was to remain in place through the rest of the academic year. For our district that will be **May 22, 2020.**

This update will provide additional information with regard to school operations as we head into the summer.

The safety and security of our staff is paramount. To ensure that we continue to support the needs of our community during these unprecedented times, the district has created and revised the below FAQ sheet to keep all stakeholders updated to the district of the business during the shutdown.

As more information is released from the Ohio Department of Education, the State of Ohio and the Public Health Department, including the CDC, we will continue to update our district stakeholders.

FAQ's

How long will Schools be closed?

Schools will be closed starting March 17 – May 22, 2020. After May 22, 2020, buildings are tentatively scheduled to reopen in the Fall. As more guidance from the state comes out about what that will look like, we will continue to keep all stakeholders informed.

Who does the closing affect?

All students are expected to stay home during the closure. District staff were assigned a detailed work schedule after 3/16/2020 that takes the safety and health for all in consideration. Most staff have remote work assignments when applicable.

As we head into May, the district staff will start to have limited access to the school buildings under the direction of the principals and district administration. As we move into June, if determined by the Public Health Department, the buildings will start being open to parents via scheduled appointments.

Will the district be issuing devices to students other than Seniors?

At this point with being so close to the end of the year, the district will not be issuing any more devices out to students. Our plan is to work diligently over the summer to prepare a plan for a true one-to one platform, where students, possibly grades 2-12 will receive a device that will be assigned to them for take home use. We will continue to formalize this plan so that the district will be ready to implement this for Fall 2020.

Will the school year be extended? What about Summer School?

No. The district will conclude the school year on the originally scheduled date of May 22, 2020 for students and May 26, 2020 for staff. Summer planning is currently taking place and will be provided via a remote learning platform. We are finalizing details and determining which students will be eligible. The curriculum department will be reaching out to identified students and families to engage them about this process for students K-5. As the district has done in the past, the summer program will have limited offerings. If you are contacted please make sure your reach back out to provide information about your possible interest.

Middle School and High School credit recovery is also being formalized. Information about this will be forthcoming shortly.

Are District buildings being cleaned and sanitized during the time of closure?

Yes. Buildings will continue to be sanitized as staff comes in and out. Once the buildings are opened more regularly the buildings will be sanitized more frequently.

Is the Board of Education office open during the closure?

The Board of Education or Central Office building will be open with adjusted hours and adjusted staffing. The Governor and Health Department has issued guidance on **Social Distancing**. With this, there will be times when Central Office employees will be directed to work from home. The best way to contact anyone in the Central Office is via email. Emails can be accessed via the District departmental web pages. If you have any direct questions, please start by emailing the building teachers or administrators first.

Board of Education Meetings will be held as scheduled via remote meeting guidelines until further notice. Upcoming BOE meetings are as follows:

May 7, 2020 BOE Public Meeting 5:30 PM (streamed live via Youtube)

May 21, 2020 BOE Business Meeting 5:30 PM (streamed live via Youtube)

What about athletic events and other extracurricular activities?

With the state mandated closure through the end of the school year, all Athletic and extracurricular events have been canceled for Spring 2020.

What if My HS or MS student has things at the building?

The district is working out a plan to allow students 7-12 to access the building to retrieve personal items safely. Once this plan is worked out we will share it with those students affected.

How will the district Communicate with stakeholders during this time?

Families will be updated via our district website and Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter) www.trotwood.k12.oh.us

Facebook: TMCSD

Twitter: #TMCSD

We will also use our all-call platform to update families regularly.

Students, grades 2-12 should remain in contact with teachers via the Google Classroom Platform.

What about Graduation, State Testing, 8th grade and Kindergarten recognition and other events that usually take place in the Spring?

Testing- The Ohio Department of Education has suspended all state testing for the 19-20 school year. As more information is released for the fall the Department will issue guidance on testing for the 20-21 school year. No students, including 3rd graders and Seniors will be prevented from promotion or placement due to testing. Again all testing is canceled for this year.

Graduation- The High school staff has prepared a virtual graduation presentation that includes a drive-in pick-up of diploma sleeves for Seniors. This information will be released to seniors and their families no later than Monday 5/4/2020. If you are a senior or senior parent, please make sure if you have any questions email your student's guidance counselor or a building administrator ASAP.

Registration/Open Enrollment- The district is currently working on an online platform that allows parents to fill out documents on-line. Once those documents are complete, and we head into the summer (June/July) the buildings will be open on scheduled hours and appointments to support parents with these processes. The goal is by using the online platform, we can eliminate the time spend on completing multiple forms.

End of the year activities- Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, all end of the year activities are canceled for the Spring. This was a decision made by the state of Ohio and the local Department of Public Health and is determined to be the best course of action to ensure the health and safety of all stakeholders.

What about learning?

Students are expected to stay engaged via the Google Classroom platform grades 2-12 along with the other various resources our teachers have engaged students with.

Our Pre-K-1 students should keep working through the packets and support resources that have been provided by your teacher. As always, please contact the teachers via email for questions or concerns. They are the most direct point of contact for the district.

Building staff will be contacting students about how we will be closing out the school year. Once this happens, teachers will work to ensure students and parents are informed and understand how 4th quarter grades will be handled and what summer learning may look like.

What about food? My child depends on the meals that the school serves on a daily basis.

The district will continue to support the students and community on through our feeding program through the rest of the year and into the Summer. Currently we are going to maintain the three district sites; Madison Park, Westbrooke Village and the ELC. Service time is from 11:30-3:00 PM.

My Child is anxious and concerned about the virus and possibly missing school and their daily activities. What do I do?

We know families, students and staff are worried. We are committed to keeping you informed and working with you to keep our school communities safe. Below are some links that provide information to support you doing this time:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1584121554/centervillek12ohus/eyzrggailszsztkaire1/CoronavirusQuestionsforKids.pdf>

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASN/3870c72d-fff9-4ed7-833f-215de278d256/UploadedImages/PDFs/02292020_NASP_NASN_COVID-19_parent_handout.pdf

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

We truly thank all of our stakeholders for your patience and understanding doing these unprecedented times. Again, please stay connected via the Social Media platforms including the district website. Also, when receiving the district all-call, please make sure you say "Hello" loud enough for the system to hear you. If the message does not start after your first "Hello" please proceed to say it again until you hear the message begin.

Thank you for your time, patience and understanding. Go Rams!

