

## **Information Being Provided to Parents, Community and Staff on Friday, March 13th, 2020**

Dear Parents, Community, and Staff:

This morning, Friday, March 13, 2020, we will be having a staff professional inservice, (students are on a 2 hour delay) in preparation for the state mandated three (3) week school closure. For the past several weeks we have been working closely with the Putnam County Health Department monitoring and taking guidance as we progress through the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation.

At a press conference yesterday, the Ohio Department of Health and Governor DeWine stated that a fifth case of the virus has been confirmed in Ohio. During the press conference, the Governor mandated beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 K-12 schools will be closed for a total of three (3) weeks.

This morning, our staff will be working by grade level and subject area to prepare curriculum that will be needed to provide remote learning. When our students arrive to school on Friday they will be instructed on how their education will continue during the mandatory 3 week break. Some students will be doing on-line learning utilizing our Schoology program and online learning tools which Ottoville Schools has subscribed. Some students will have packets of reinforcing work to maintain present levels of performance. Some students will have a combination of packets and on-line learning. Students will be provided a device if needed. If you do not have connectivity, you will not be held responsible for any on-line assignments. If you are having issues with one of our devices at home please call 419-453-3012, leave a message and someone will contact with you, or email Shelley Mumaw at [smumaw@ottovilleschools.org](mailto:smumaw@ottovilleschools.org). Teachers will be monitoring their school emails during the day, trying to answer parent questions/concerns.

### **Effective March 13, 2020: The Ottoville Local Schools will be operating under the following guidelines:**

Teachers will be reporting to school each day.

- All field trips at this point are suspended for an indefinite period of time. Out of district travel will occur only with permission by the superintendent or designee.
- All after school and weekend activities are suspended for an indefinite period of time.
- Parents should prepare for childcare solutions for at least 3 weeks.
- Students should not report on Monday, March 16th and then for a three week period. Returning to school April 6<sup>th</sup>, unless notified different.

We appreciate the continued support and understanding as we deal with a situation that truly is unprecedented and continues to evolve. The district will continue to watch developments and take the appropriate steps necessary to protect our students, staff, and school community.

Educationally yours,  
Scott Mangas