

# Edgerton Local School District

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March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents,

Yesterday Governor DeWine mandated a 3-week closure of Ohio schools. This closure is effective beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will continue through Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. As a result, Edgerton Local Schools will follow the governor's executive order and be closed for that 3-week period. School will not be in session on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. During that time limited access will be granted to only essential personnel such as, central office, maintenance, and cleaning staff.

In carefully considering the direction of homebound instruction for students, several variables impacted my decision. I considered the percentage of Special Needs students in our district who require direct services, technology devices available to our students, and numerous families who do not have internet access at home, just to name a few. As a result, no lessons or online learning will be mandated. Having said that, this does not stop your child from learning at home with activity pages or Chromebook activities from our educators, just as Spring and Summer Break, or Christmas Break do not prohibit your child from learning.

All events within the 3-week time period have been suspended, including athletic practices and games, musical practice, and any pre-approved trips, most notably the music department trip to Florida. We will continue to evaluate the status of all events which normally take place at ELS, so I encourage you to monitor school announcements and other informational outlets.

My administrative team and I have worked diligently to provide the most appropriate decision for our staff and students at Edgerton Local Schools. We've counseled with the Williams County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health, and Governor DeWine's office to maintain high standards of safety to our students through this unprecedented time in public education. Also during this break, our maintenance staff will be cleaning with disinfectants in all areas of campus. I also encourage all of our Bulldog families to practice good hygiene techniques and to be safe.

Thank you Bulldog Nation for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. I realize the difficulty this decision presents to your family with child care and work schedules, but I must trust and rely on the information presented by state and health department officials to be accurate and trustworthy. The Williams County Health Department encourages you to use the 1-833-427-5634 and [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) for additional information.

Sincerely,

Kermit E. Riehle, Superintendent  
Edgerton Local Schools.

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