

Press Release  
Springfield School District RE-4  
March 18, 2023

**School Reopening After Spring Break:**

Springfield Schools will host school the week of March 20- 23 in an adjusted fashion. Due to the failure to obtain a certificate to occupy the new 6-12 learning space, Springfield secondary students (6-12) will remain in the old SHS building the week of March 20-24.

The schedule on Monday, March 20 will also adapt to allow for staff to have time to manage their planning and preparations. Students 6-12 will begin class at Noon on Monday, March 20. A midday bus route will run to help 6-12 grade students be at school for the adapted schedule on Monday, 03/20. Students are expected to arrive at school having eaten lunch, or you may attend lunch at the cafeteria at 11:30 AM. No lunch will be served after 12:00, Noon on Monday, March 20.

All students in grade PK-5 will have a regular schedule as we welcome you back from spring break. Students will have breakfast as usual beginning at 7:30 AM and do a typical school day for the entire school week. Again, the only change to scheduling is for 6-12 students on Monday, March 20 to begin at Noon.

Tuesday through Thursday, March 21-23, all students PK-12 will be at school on a regularly scheduled day. Breakfast, lunch, and bus routes will operate as usual.

Students are asked to bring what they need for class, use it for the day, and take it home daily. No lockers or general spaces will be available for the week of March 20-23 in the 6-12 setting. Chromebooks, classroom materials, and text study details will be ready upon arrival Monday. Teachers and staff are working tirelessly through the weekend to have the rigor and teaching ready for 6-12 students. Students, your job is to come to school, be prepared, be ready to focus, and adapt with staff as we work through this challenge.

**Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Failure:**

A sensor(s) issue in the fire and life systems, specifically the sprinkler system, failed to activate as required. The failed sensor(s) helps to control a series of dampers within the water flow system. The failure of the sensor(s) is what has caused the disruption of the new school space to achieve occupancy approval.

The contractors are working to manage this failure as soon as possible for reinspection. It is hoped that the contractors will manage this problem and that the inspector will come back to campus for inspection between March 20-23. The greatest hope is that all is approved and that the school space is open for school on Monday, March 27.

Springfield School District will release information and opportunities for students, families, and community to tour and see the building as soon as possible. The open house originally scheduled for March 20, 2023, 5:30 - 6:30 PM is canceled. The March 20 Board of Education meeting will be republished to be held in the Springfield Elementary School Library at 6:00 PM.