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Dear Warrior Families,

School districts across the Kansas City region agreed to keep schools closed in our area through April 24, after a group call with Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas. Smithville Schools will be closed through Friday, April 24. [Read the joint announcement from the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City.](#)

All athletics, activities, practices, events and school building rentals are canceled through Friday, April 24. Kindergarten Screenings will be postponed. We will share updates regarding the screening process with families in the near future.

We know that in addition to education, our schools provide vital support to our community and that this closure will have a major impact on our families. Please know that we are doing all we possibly can to make decisions in the best interest of our students and staff through this time. While our schools will be closed, we will remain available to support our students, staff and families.

Our plan to support learning, include:

- Providing learning support for our students by implementing the [Smithville Schools Continuation of Learning Plan](#) beginning Monday, March 23. This cannot be a substitute for classroom instruction but will provide some normalcy, continuity of learning and connection to our students during this time. Staff will be checking in with your students regularly.
- Providing meals and other supports for our students, families and staff. Beginning Monday, March 23, all students (PK-12) can receive free breakfast and lunch. Options include delivery or pick up at Horizon Elementary School. See the details below and sign up for delivery by completing the [SSD School Meal Delivery and Other Needs Survey](#).
- Providing access to technology for students who do not have technology at home. If you completed the Technology Request Form for a Chromebook, we strongly encourage you to pick up the device on Monday, March 23 at the Smithville Performing Arts Center from 7-10 a.m. or 3-6 p.m.

This is a reminder that all district facilities will be closed to the public beginning Tuesday, March 24. This includes outdoor facilities. Signage will be posted at each facility.

Should you need to get your child's medication, instructional device, or any other important item left at school, buildings will be open Monday, March 23, during regular school hours, for that purpose.

We will continue to send frequent updates with information and resources via our web, email, text messages and social media channels. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the District Office at 816.532.0406.

Please follow our website at smithvilleschooldistrict.net for the latest updates. We know all will do their part during this especially unprecedented time. We will work together to help one another in the days and weeks ahead.

Your support and outpouring of help, patience and gratitude during this time is so appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Schuetz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'S'.

Todd Schuetz, Ed.D
Superintendent