March 13, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

Due to the health and safety concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19), we are postponing and/or cancelling school district events for next week, including FFA judging at Howard, 6-12 Band/Vocal Concert & Pork Loin Dinner, and HOSA Scrubs at Vermillion.

Our District is also limiting and/or cancelling most of our out-of-district travel and we are reducing the number of visitors and/or volunteers in our school buildings.

For the time being and until further notice, non-school groups, teams, and leagues, including PRCE activities, parent-coached teams, AAU/pee-wee wrestling, AAU/JO volleyball, baseball/softball practices, etc. will not be allowed access to our District facilities and gymnasiums. The only exception is the PRCE pre-school and their before and after school program.

District sponsored instructional activities and co-curricular activities will continue to use the facilities for practices as usual. Any adjustments to those schedules will be communicated as necessary.

Elementary parents and grandparents who pick up children after school, we would ask you to please stay out of the school hallways and meet your children/grandchildren in the student commons.

We understand that the coronavirus is creating anxiety and concern. Our top priority continues to be the health and well-being of our students, staff, parents, and patrons of the Beresford School District. Our District is taking additional precautions to clean, disinfect, and sanitize our schools.

This is an unprecedented situation, so we ask for your patience and understanding as we sort through this process. Any potential school closing due to illness and reopening will be determined in consultation with public health officials.

Our District continues to follow the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the SD Department of Health, and the SD Department of Education. We fully understand that you have questions and we will be in contact when we are able to provide further updates.

Sincerely,

Brian Field, Superintendent
Beresford School District