



Galesburg Community Unit School District 205

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Dear District 205 Families:

As you have been previously informed, the Governor has ordered the immediate closure of all schools as a precautionary measure against transmission of the coronavirus. **All District 205 schools will remain closed until Tuesday, March 31st.** The closures affect all programming at the school, including before- and after-school activities, all athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, and weekend events.

District staff have prepared learning packets for all K-5 students. Those packets will be mailed to your homes. For all students 6-12, please use your Chromebooks to contact your teachers, as they will be available via email and online platforms. These materials are for enrichment purposes, as these days have been considered "Act of God" Days that do not need to be made up and are not considered "e-learning" days. For parents/students who have scheduled IEP meetings over the next two weeks, you will be contacted directly by a District employee.

For students who have critical medications at school that they will need over the next two weeks, your building principal is sending a letter/email that will explain how you will be able to retrieve it on Monday.

District 205, the United Way and YMCA are active partners in our efforts to feed our children in need. We are happy to announce that we have prepared a system that will enable students to be fed for the next two weeks. There will be another sheet of information that will list the meal pickup sites (including addresses) and times.

Over the past few days, District 205 has heard from families who do not have reliable Internet access at home. For those families, we will be mailing materials and instructions to your homes. In addition, some Internet providers are now willing to provide low cost or free service for the next few weeks. We will include that information in mailers that are sent to those designated families.

We will keep you informed as we are made aware of any alterations to the planned reopening of school. For now, we plan to open schools again on Tuesday, March 31st. Please understand that this is the earliest that schools would reopen, and closures could continue further into the future, depending on the spread of this potentially deadly virus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Asplund', is written over the printed name.

John Asplund
Superintendent