



Central Public Schools

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Dear District 108 Parents/Guardians:

As Governor Tim Walz stated in his news conference this morning, "We are in unprecedented times."

Students in Central Public Schools will not be coming to school on Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th. There will be no educational instruction during this time. Instruction will resume on Monday, March 30th. It is possible that the instruction will be distance learning.

The Governor, MN Department of Health and the MN Department of Education are requiring districts to close by Wednesday, March 18th through Friday, March 27th due to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). That time is meant for school districts to develop plans on how to provide distance learning if that is required. Please know that our school district's decision to close immediately is based on the fact that the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority.

Our educators will be giving thoughtful planning to our distance learning plan over the course of this next week, offering careful considerations for students in a variety of areas, including students receiving special educational services, multilingual learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students who rely on meals served at school. Please know that our district is working on a plan to make lunches available to our families and we will be communicating that plan in the near future.

Many questions remain that we have following this directive from state officials. The situation is changing rapidly, please bear with us as we develop plans for the potential of providing distance learning.

We will be opening schools at some point to parents/students to retrieve educational materials and personal items. Until that time, all buildings are closed to the public. We will let everyone know that plan when it is in place.

Many more details will be forthcoming but we wanted to get this message to you as soon as possible following the Governor's news conference so you can start preparing your family for this significant change in your daily routines.

- **Students will be out of school on Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th.**
- **Instruction will resume on Monday, March 30th. It is possible that the instruction will be distance learning.**
- **Details of the distance learning plan will be distributed when they are finalized.**
- **Student activities and athletics along with all Community Ed practices, enrichment classes, Early Childhood and preschool classes are suspended at this time.**
- **Kids' Company will continue to provide child care for all registered families the week of March 16th through March 20th, in efforts to help families plan.**
- **Beginning the week of March 23rd, Kids' Company will only be open for emergency workers, including: health care staff; first responders; firefighters; correctional services; essential court personnel; MN State Veterans Home staff; state and local public health agency employees; MNSure Navigators; County financial/eligibility workers; county case managers; or any county staff in emergency management or health and human services.**

Once again, the information surrounding this situation is ever-changing and very fluid. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this time.

In Partnership,

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