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Dear Brewer Community,

I wanted to follow-up following a meeting today with Brewer School Department leadership. **The Brewer School Department will be closed on Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27** and we will continually reassess this situation to determine when it is possible to reopen beyond the 27th. You can use the number 211 to get general information regarding the Coronavirus outbreak, but I will be issuing a detailed explanation of our plan tomorrow, Monday, March 16, 2020. This will include plans for breakfast and lunch distribution along with other important details.

The district will be providing some ideas for optional at-home learning activities that would help keep your students engaged in learning. This will not be mandatory or part of their public school program and will not be graded or incorporated into a student's school record. At least during this most immediate stage of school closing, Brewer is not asking students and families to carry on a full academic program at home.

The schools will be closed tomorrow except for staff who need to put things in order and collect materials, but we will create a way for families to get anything that is deemed essential that was left at school. Please wait for guidance on this in tomorrow's message.

Our leadership team wants everyone to be healthy, and that includes taking care of the emotional health of our students and families. Below are six links that may help you talk to your children and also some information that we hope may also be helpful to you personally.

You will hear from me again on Monday, March 16, 2020 with additional specific details and options to help support everyone as we get through this difficult moment together. Our goal is to stay connected and united as a community.

Sincerely,

Gregg Palmer

[Talking to Children](#), [Coping with Stress](#), [The Yucky Bug Video](#), [Be Honest With Your Kids](#),  
[How to Talk to Your Kids about COVID-19](#), [Managing Anxiety & Stress](#)