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Dear patrons, staff, and students,

As I shared yesterday, we are encountering new terrain with the COVID-19 issue and that we receive new information daily. New information, naturally, causes a change in plans. As of this moment, the Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Randy Watson has made the recommendation that **all Kansas school buildings be closed to students and most staff for the week of March 16-20. USD 415 will follow that recommendation. There will also be no extra-curricular practices or events this week.**

This closing will enable districts and KSDE to gather more information. It will allow schools to assess the travel patterns of students and staff returning from spring break. Furthermore, this time period allows local districts and KSDE to plan for contingencies.

Governor Laura Kelly is expected to address Kansans around 6:00 p.m. regarding the pandemic. I expect her to discuss school closures during her address.

At this time, I don't know the status of schools in Kansas beyond this week. I fully expect to know more later this week. When I do, you will be notified.

On behalf of our staff and board of education, I thank you for your continued understanding during this troubling time. Please contact your school or the board office with questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Moser, Superintendent