



Dr. Mark Gotcher, Superintendent

Sunday, March 15, 2020

I want to visit with you all in light of the new information from our Governor this afternoon.

Beginning Tuesday, March 17th, all Public Schools in Arkansas will be closed. Therefore, all RSD schools PreK thru 12th grade will be closed for the remainder of the week per the Governor's order.

During this time, all students will begin their AMI plans for instruction on Tuesday and for the remainder of this week. If you did not receive your packet on Friday, one can be picked up at your school or it will be available online by noon on Monday. If you have any questions regarding your AMI lessons, please call your school during regular school hours and someone will be happy to help.

We are working on a plan to ensure your child is able to have a healthy meal every school day while we are out.

Teachers and staff, we will be working on Monday with our leadership team to give you all more guidance as to what our expectations may be for the rest of the week as it relates to AMI. Specifically, we will be giving guidance on what your work day will look like in the future.

So, RSD Family, while we are out of school on Monday for planning and the cleaning of each of our buildings, we encourage you to follow these practices:

- Stay hydrated every 15 minutes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or sleeve to avoid the spread of any virus.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water as often as you can.
- And practice Social Distancing as much as possible.

Lastly, all school events and the use of school facilities have been cancelled or postponed for the remainder of the week.

The school board meeting this Tuesday, March 17, will still proceed as planned beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In light of the circumstances there will be no student of the month recognition to take place, and while attendance is discouraged; it will be shared through Facebook Live on our district's social media sources for those that choose to view it. If you choose to attend, we ask that you exercise social distancing and remain 6 feet from each other, when possible.

Thank you!

Dr. Gotcher