Public Service Announcement

The purpose of this announcement is to provide our community with the utmost information on what steps the district is currently taking and what services will be provided during the current school closure. With new proclamations coming from our Governor in response to COVID-19, guidance from federal and state agencies our plan is constantly in a state of flux. We appreciate your understanding as we all learn to operate in our new normal during this pandemic of COVID-19.

Week of 3/16 through 3/20

During this week staff is reporting to work at their normal times and working together in the planning of how we will provide services in order to meet the Governor’s proclamations. The only service being offered at this time is on-site breakfast and lunch. Current students may pick up breakfast at either building from 7:30-8:00 AM this week through Friday. Lunch is also available for pick up from 11:00 AM till 12:00 PM through Friday.

Childcare

The original intent was to offer childcare to any student in the district, but with the recent limitation of fifty (50) people in a setting, we are having to limit childcare to only students whose parents/guardians work in the medical field or are first responders. We know this is a burden for many, but are unable to offer more due to limits in our staffing the fifty (50) person threshold.

Childcare will begin on 3/23 and run five (5) days a week. In order to get a grasp of how many students to plan for, we are asking that parents/guardians in the medical field and first responders planning on using the school for childcare use the web address below to let us know their planned use and frequency of use. Childcare will begin and end each day according to our regular school calendar. This includes early release on every Wednesday.

[shorturl.at/orxU5]

Students can use our normal bus pick-up/drop-off times to get to school or be dropped-off and picked-up here at school.

If we end up without any participation in childcare the district may cancel childcare due to a lack of interest.

Food Service

During the closure, the district will continue to provide breakfast and lunch as long as the service is being utilized by students. Beginning on 3/23 the buses, while picking-up for childcare, will deliver pre-ordered breakfasts and lunches at designated bus stops. In order to order food please use the link below to state your intentions of utilizing food service during the closure.
The student whom the food is for must be present at the time of pick-up or drop-off. This is not a Morton School District rule, but rather a directive from our State Superintendent’s Office.

**Medicine at School**
If your student has family at school please communicate with the building secretary to set-up a time for the medicine to be returned to you. The email addresses of our building secretaries are below:

- Elementary School - Tina Walker - twalker@morton.k12.wa.us
- Jr/Sr High School - Christy Powell - cpowell@morton.k12.wa.us

**Educational Resources**
All educational programs have been suspended at this time. We are not collecting assignments, creating assignments, or holding any student accountable for completing any of the resources we provide. There is no delivery method that works for all of our students, and without this equity, we must suspend educational programs.

Your teachers are working on a plan to provide resources for students and families to work on throughout the closure. During this week we will provide further information on what this looks like with specific details. Our current plan is to provide worksheets, links, and other forms of resources to engage kids in essential pieces of learning so they can keep up on their progress.

**Seniors**
Seniors are a group very concerned about what this means to them as they were only a few months away from graduation. The great news for them is that all of our seniors have already met most of the requirements. Mrs. Brooks will be connecting with Seniors individually via email and/or phone to talk about where they are and what this may mean to them. It is our belief that all of our seniors who were planning on graduating prior to this closure will still graduate. At this time, we are planning still occurring on June 5th at 6 PM. This, however, is subject to change or cancellation in regards to COVID-19.