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March 16, 2020

Parents,

As I shared on Friday, the Governor issued an executive order on Friday closing all private and public schools through March 30, 2020. Over the last few days, we have had numerous staff members planning to provide the best possible experience we can for students and their families during this time. The following are measures we have taken or will be taken in the days ahead.

1. If students need a meal, the school will have two options. One a grab and go meal can be picked up at the Floc building at Galatia First Baptist Church. If you are unable to pick up a meal, we can deliver one to your home. We are asking parents to call either the high school or grade school offices to let us know you are planning to pick up a meal(s) or need one delivered. This will help us plan as we move forward. The phone number at the grade school is 297-4570 and the high school number is 297-4571.
2. We are going to do several deep cleanings of the buildings. To date, we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the school, but out of an abundance of caution, we will do the deep cleaning, probably several times.
3. Our teachers have prepared material for the continuance of education during this time off. There are two options to get this work. One, we have paper copies available at both buildings. Parents may come to the building between 8 and 12 daily to pick up the work. Additionally, the work is online and can be downloaded from the website.
4. During this time, there will no contests or practices of any kind. The district has stopped access to the fields and gyms.

Finally, I want to give some disclaimers for the days ahead. On Thursday, school districts were told school closures were going to be a local decision between the district and the local health department. This was the message schools received up until the governor took executive action on Friday. We will continue to monitor the situation and use our partners at ISBE, CDC, and the Illinois Department of Public Health over the coming days and weeks. I will not even try to predict what the immediate future holds for public schools, but I can assure you that Galatia CUSD #1 will continue to serve the students and the community to the very best of our ability, always putting the safety of students and community members first. As we navigate this time together, please be patient as information changes very quickly, sometimes hourly. We will do our best to keep everyone informed in a timely manner via our social media sites, school website and phone calls as needed.

Sincerely,



Shain Crank
Galatia CUSD #1 Superintendent