

RUSSELL COUNTY USD 407

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USD 407 Announces COVID-19 Closure
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Shelly Swayne, USD 407 Superintendent

In accordance with Governor Laura Kelly, USD 407 Russell County School buildings will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Continuous learning plans and requirements for academic growth and credit achievement will remain as a focus of children K-12.

All USD 407 activities such as prom, sports, concerts, and even graduation are postponed at this time. It is our greatest hope that time will allow us to reschedule, but the greater good of community and the guidelines of the CDC and KDHE are the guiding force in these decisions. Cancellations may occur once directions from KSHSAA and KDHE continue.

Students K-12 and families can expect a continuous learning plan that is developed by USD 407 teachers, principals, and counselors. Some small group learning, online learning, one on one learning, and zoom meetings will be a part of how academic and standards-based learning will be maintained and required. There will be requirements to this learning as we still care about our students and the advancement of skills, abilities, and total learning.

USD 407 teacher teams will be composing this learning plan and opportunities for students during the week of March 23. Families can expect to have those ideas and processes published by Friday, March 27. On March 30, the work ahead of all students and staff will begin.

Families who do not have access to internet or data plans that can support learning that will be internet based may apply to USD 407 for support in the home. Russell Schools are working on a partnership with agencies to supply internet or a WiFi hotspot for home use in these situations. Beginning on March 23, that application may be found at the USD 407 Office, 802 N. Main in Russell; or via a link online at www.usd407.org.

USD 407 will be serving lunches for ANY child ages 1-18 during this time. The lunch and breakfast grab and go meals will be delivered in the community at our local parks with a time schedule and days to be published March 20. There is no cost for the child meals as this is allowed by special extension to our summer lunch program. Children must be present to pick up the lunches; no adult can pick up the lunch/ breakfast as per the federal and state guidelines that protect child nutritional delivery. Adults may purchase a breakfast for \$2 or a lunch for \$3, as available.

Please tune into the special USD 407 Board of Education meeting at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 18. You may see that meeting live streamed at www.usd407.org. As a reminder the USD 407 schools and offices are closed this week of March 16 for spring break.

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