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Dear Parents and Students,

Today, March 17, 2020 Governor Laura Kelly announced that all school facilities will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This will place tremendous hardship on our families and staff, and impact the social emotional well-being of our students.

We have been working on contingency plans since mid-March, including how we can meet the ongoing learning needs of our students and provide breakfast and lunch for our students. We are also adding Wells to the list of our locations for lunch pick-up. This will be near the community center for a curbside pickup from 11:00-12:00.

Our staff and board of education are also working on other critical issues, such as what this means for our seniors, how this will affect next school year and what impact this will have on our employees. We will provide updates on these issues as soon as the information is available.

We are committed to working together as a community to support one another throughout these unprecedented times, and communication will remain a top priority. We will continue to use email, school website, text, and phone call as a way to communicate information out to everyone.

As a reminder, this school closure is in response to the current public health crisis. The focus should remain on preventing the spread of coronavirus, or Covid-19 as it is also referred to.

Please be mindful of the following:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing by using your sleeve or tissue.
- Please keep sick children at home
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

Any student who still has medication at the school please contact Nurse Tammy at 785-392-4120 to arrange picking them up.

All staff will be back on March 23rd to spend the week preparing to roll out a plans to the parents and students on March 30th. The Governor has said that we need to follow the 10-person rule and so we will. As we continue to get guidance from the Kansas Department of Education, we will share with you.

We will get through this and we will work with families to help meet the needs for each one. The employees of USD 239 are committed to serving the families and students of this great community.

Sincerely,



Chris Vignery, Superintendent
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