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March 17, 2020 Video Update

Good Afternoon everyone,

I want to begin my update by saying thank you to our entire Russellville community. So many people have contacted me and our team offering to help in any way to serve our district in this challenging season for all of us.

I heard a great story of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood...

- Our Board Meeting will be tonight beginning at 7:00 pm at the Gardner Auditorium. Because of the President's recent guidelines, the meeting will be closed to the public, since it will exceed 10 people. However, the meeting will be live on Facebook. Please Search Russellville School District@russellvilleschools to watch our meeting on Facebook
- Our offices are open for the remainder of the week during our normal office hours, please call us at 479-968-1306 to reach our Central Office or you may call your student's school to seek information on meal delivery, questions about AMI instructions, or any other questions you may have
- Update on meal service for our students
  - Our volunteer support has been amazing! Thank you for those of our staff and our community who have so graciously offered to serve our students. THANK YOU!
  - Today we served 373 Breakfast meals and 944 lunch meals. I'm sure that number will increase each day as our families learn more about this

- Very Important! We are adjusting the times for the remainder of this week for meal delivery by school bus
  - Starting tomorrow, Wednesday the 18th, buses will leave each elementary school at 9:30 am and deliver both breakfast and lunch
  - When will you expect to see your bus? Let's look at a normal school day. If you normally get dropped off at your house at 4:00, then expect your meal to be delivered around 10:00
  - If you normally get dropped off at your house at 4:15, then expect your meal to be delivered around 10:15
  - But parents and students-please do your best to be visible to meet your bus so we won't miss you.
  - If you do miss the bus, you can always call my office at 968-1306 and we will arrange for someone to deliver a meal for you
  - Secondary Students, this includes you, some have asked if this was only for Elementary students, but this is for all of our students and their families.
  - Our drive-through service will be the same. Breakfast will be available at each elementary school from 7:00-8:00 and lunch will be available for drive-through service from 10:30-12:30
  - Must exercise SD. Keep a distance of 6 feet from each other.
- Update on AMI Packets
    - If you need a packet please call your school and they will assist you in getting that to you
    - I'm hearing some great stories about how teachers and principals are posting videos of them reading books to their kids. I heard of a high school teacher who had 100% of his class participating in a video lesson. SO many creative things are happening to ensure our kids are getting a quality education while we are out of school
- Remember, we are doing our best to keep our Website and our Facebook page updated with the most current information. So please use that resource that we have for you.
- Lastly, with numbers of infections changing every day, I will continue to remind you:
    - 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

Thank you!

Dr. Mark Gotcher