



# USD 330 Mission Valley School District

## *Home of the Vikings*

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Viking Family:

In response to COVID-19 and the danger that it places on our students, staff members, parents, and patrons across the state, Governor Kelly announced that school buildings across the state will be closed for the duration of this school year. The closing of school buildings DOES NOT mean that education for the school year will also “close”. The closing of school buildings prevents large gatherings from occurring, it does not prevent LEARNING from occurring.

*As the saying goes, “The show must go on!”.....in this case “Education Must Go On.”!*

A task force comprised of many of the state’s top educators in Kansas, which included Mrs. Kelly Hoelting (MV Ag Teacher), has worked to develop a Continuous Learning Plan for students across the state. This task force will deliver their recommendations to Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Randy Watson, by Wednesday evening which then will be provided to districts across the state to develop what education and learning will look like in each individual district..

*What is USD 330 Mission Valley doing?* Over the next couple weeks Mission Valley will create teams of professionals that will build an education plan for our students using the resources provided by the Continuous Learning Task Force. Once we have assessed our needs and resources, created a plan approved by KSDE, determined that our facilities are disinfected, then we can begin to provide education and learning.

*What will the plan look like?* At this point no definitive answer can be given, however, most likely it will be composed using multiple methods such as: lesson/activity packets, using technology where appropriate, bringing in small groups of students to complete activities, and other ideas yet to be created.

Kansas education is among the finest in the country. Closing classrooms and moving to a Continuous Learning Plan can not begin to replicate our state’s education structure as we know it, but it can help ensure strategies that will provide a bridge back to the world-class learning our students benefit from today. We realize this is a difficult time for everyone, but Kansans always have persevered---and we will continue to persevere. The secret to get through this.....is to get through this TOGETHER!

As new information is learned, strategies are devised, and plans are created, we will communicate this information to you in a timely manner. How learning occurred before....is not how it will occur in the near future....but it is still education, it is still learning, and we have kids that need us.

Stay strong Viking Family!!!!

Mr. Clark

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