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Dear Parents and Students

I met with our administrative team this morning to discuss our steps to move forward. We had great conversations and we understand the hardship this is on our families. We want to do everything we can to help minimize those hardships.

I know that the Governor stated that all school facilities are closed; however, that does not mean that we cannot use our facilities to educate students. We will have to follow the guidelines of no more than ten people in a location and six feet apart. Those ten people can be in one classroom and another ten in another classroom.

I am meeting with a group of teachers' tomorrow afternoon to begin working on how we can deliver content to the students. Content will be delivered online, face-to-face, email, google classroom, and other methods. We will coordinate our delivery method to the needs of the student. If you do not have access to internet, we are working with providers to provide free access during this time.

As I said yesterday, we will roll out our plan to the parents on March 30th. This Friday there will be a special board meeting to discuss the guidelines that KSDE has set forth. This board meeting will be live on a YouTube channel. We are going to adhere to the guidelines of no more than ten people in the room; therefore, there will be no public allowed in the boardroom. We will put a link to the YouTube channel on our school website Friday morning.

Some have asked if their student can go into the building and grab their stuff, at this time we are not allowing this to happen. If you need to get something that you must have please email me. There will be a time that students will be able to do that.

Please continue to grab a lunch and breakfast each day. If you are unable to come to one of our locations, please contact Ilene Mullen at 785-392-2167 or imullen@usd239.org to arrange a different way. We served 160 students on the first day and 208 students on the second day.

I know there are many questions and concerns and I will be available to answer your questions. You may call me at 785-392-2167 or email at cvignery@usd239.org. In addition, if you do not have Wi-Fi access for your student please email me so I can see how many.

The school buildings may be closed, but educational opportunities will continue. It will require creativity and planning, but we will succeed.

Sincerely,

Chris Vignery, Superintendent
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