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March 18, 2020

Dear patrons, staff, and students,

Today marks day three of school closure in USD 415. As you are aware, our leadership team is working to implement a continuous plan for student learning. Currently, we are waiting for the guidelines for that plan from the Kansas State Department of Education. We will receive it this evening and begin working within the parameters to customize it for our districts.

Teachers will have access to their buildings next week. They will help to develop instructional processes for their students. They will communicate with their students and families to provide more details and offer assistance. Many of our teachers have reached out to their classes and families already. I would ask students with district email to check their inbox for communication.

Student instruction is to begin on March 30th. Please know that instruction will look very different across curricula and grade levels. Your child's school will provide more details in the next week. We are conducting fact-finding in order to assess opportunities and needs. We will be sending out surveys so as to better understand the internet status of households and the needs for food service. As you know, meal distribution begins tomorrow in Robinson and at Hiawatha Elementary. As we learn more, we may add locations in the weeks ahead.

The Kansas High School Activities Association is canceling all spring championships, competitions, and festivals for the remainder of this school year. Regretfully, many USD 415 events have also been or will be canceled. This is simply unavoidable. As we plan for cancellation of these events, respective schools will communicate with parents, students, and patrons. A noteworthy cancellation we can release is the Hiawatha High School Prom, scheduled for April 18 has been canceled. We understand the disappointment this causes and truly regret the situation. We have not, as of yet, made any decision regarding graduation.

I am extremely proud of the manner in which our staff members are dealing with this situation. They, too, are very saddened but are firm in their resolve. They've offered their eagerness to move forward and do all they can in order to do their best for our children. They have chosen to see the opportunities that lie within this crisis.

Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns. Thank you, once again, for your understanding in these troublesome times.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Moser, Superintendent



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Food Program Details:

Starting Thursday March 19, 2020 until May 20, 2020 a school meal program will be available to any person age 1 to 18 years of age Monday-Friday.

Students must pick up the meals from a designated location. This will be distributed in a “drive-through” fashion. One lunch and one breakfast will be provided per visible student.

Children must be present for meals to be received.

Times: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Locations:

- *Hiawatha Elementary School pick-up/drop off lane – 600 Miami*
- *Old Legion Hall – 212 Main Street, Robinson, KS*

When picking up meals you will be notified of which items are perishable at room temperature. These items will need to be consumed, refrigerated, or thrown away within one hour of pickup for safety purposes.