



Update on Closure Plans and Services
Shelby-Rising City Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

As of today, March 19th, we are still on a two week shut down with the intent to be back to school the week of March 30th. We will continue to keep everyone updated through our website, mobile application, and social media accounts. The District will have two things in place to support students starting next week:

#1 FOOD PROGRAM

Starting Monday, March 23rd S-RC will have a “Brown Bag” lunch program started that is free to any district residents and students 18 and under. If you reside in our District or are a student in our District you can call Maritza Velasco at school 402-527-5946 x5002 starting today to order for next week. Orders will be taken on a daily basis (by 10am) or you can order for an entire week. You will need to tell her how many lunches you need, who the lunch is for and who will pick them up at S-RC, or if an alternate drop-off spot would work better. Lunches will be ready for pickup between 11am and Noon each day and alternate drop-off locations will happen after noon. Those are subject to change. Again, this program is open to all families in the S-RC School District.

#2 ALTERNATE LEARNING PLAN

S-RC is working with the Nebraska Department of Education to ensure we have a plan in place for learning if a closure lasts longer than two weeks. Details will be sent by March 25th to each student and family in the District with how the learning will take place. We will also be very specific about student expectations and supports available. Our teachers are committed to seeing our students succeed and you can be proud of their desire and work to make that happen. If you have not sent your parent e-mail to the Principal in your child’s building please do so immediately.

Some other questions you may have:

WHO CAN I CONTACT AT SCHOOL

Currently the District has Administrators and essential personnel (Custodial/Maintenance and Office Staff) are working in the building so that we can be prepared when the opportunity to re-open occurs. All events at school or involving S-RC are postponed/cancelled during our mandatory closure. Any rescheduling of events will not be done until we have firm details on

the re-opening of the school building. The Public Library and Fitness Center will remain closed during that time as well. Teachers will have assigned hours if a remote learning plan is implemented.

BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 25TH

Students who have work that was due before the closure (March 17th) should be completing that and e-mailing it to teachers in order to not jeopardize their grading that was done prior to the closure. While the time from March 18th and March 25th is considered an extended spring break, students are not exempt from work that was due before the closure.

HOW WILL I GET MATERIALS FROM SCHOOL FOR MY STUDENT

Some students may not have been able to return to school due to self-quarantine or illness on March 16th or 17th. Some students may have forgot to take necessary items home, like their laptop or books, to use during an extended closure. On March 25th from 9:00am to 3:00pm students or designated adults may come pick up necessary academic learning items for students who need them. Having the materials and technology assigned to a student from the school will be necessary to complete work during an extended closure, failure to have it will not be an acceptable excuse.

WHAT IF.....?

There are a lot of possible scenarios and I have met with several committees and the School Board to begin addressing them. My best advice is to follow recommendations of our health department and state leaders to do what we can to get through this pandemic safely. There will come a time to address the bigger questions about this school year and we will be prepared to do so when that time comes.

Our collective heart breaks for our students, especially the Class of 2020. This is not the way things should go. But there will never be a bigger life lesson about perseverance, positivity, and sacrifice than what is occurring right now. Our teachers and staff are caring people and they want to fix things. My biggest message right now to everyone is "Slow Down – We've Got This!" because there is no reason to be in a hurry, we need to let the information catch up with us and do the right things. It is great to know I have the right people at S-RC who will make sure we take care of ourselves, our students, and our school families!

Proud to be a Husky!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chip Kay".

Chip Kay, Superintendent