



WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 14-4

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I wanted to give you some updates about the week of March 23-27, as the Governor has declared no school throughout the state. As stated in her address, she is looking at a week-by-week assessment of the COVID-19 situation to determine our best course of action for schools. During this time of closure, we have been working on alternative means for instructing students. Please note this will look slightly different depending on the age of the student. We also have information on meals and Internet access to be helpful during this time.

We have established a page off the main Watertown website, watertown.k12.sd.us. Look for the link called **COVID-19 Resources** off the Explore page. On this page, you will find copies of notifications that have been sent, information about instruction, meals, and free Internet options available for families.

Beginning on Monday, March 23rd all students in the district will be eligible for a free breakfast and lunch. In order to assist our food service staff, please fill out the form from the COVID-19 website by clicking [this link](#). Please note that we are doing this to assist in planning only. Should your child come for lunch/breakfast, they will receive a **free meal** that day. We want to make sure that all children have meals for the week.

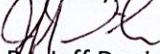
Materials pickup will take place on Monday, March 23rd at each building with staff available from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Recommended pickup times are for last names beginning with **A-F from 9:00-11:00 AM, G-M from 11AM – 1:00 PM, N-R from 1:00-3:00 PM, and S-Z from 3:00-5:00 PM**. This may include a packet of materials for Kindergarten students, a laptop or iPad for students in grades 1-6 (this will require a signed form by the parent), and curriculum materials for grades 7-8. Students in grades 9-12 should wait for further instructions from the high school due to the change from third quarter to fourth quarter. Your child's teacher(s) will be in contact with further information about class assignments during the week. **Please do not come to school to pick up meals or materials if you or a member of your household is sick.**

Also on our school website link, you can find information about free access to the Internet during this time off of school. Should you need to have access during this time, check out these resources to apply. We will continue to communicate with families through our current means of texting, emailing, and calls. We do utilize the information you have provided us in Infinite Campus to contact you. Should there be updates to any of this information, please contact the district office at 605-882-6312.

To get updated information regarding the COVID-19 virus, we would recommend the following Websites: COVID-19 Site: covid.sd.gov, South Dakota Department of Health: www.doh.sd.gov, or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov.

Please note that all activities, practices and travel have been postponed until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children and schools healthy!

Sincerely,


Dr. Jeff Danielsen
Superintendent