

## EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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March 20, 2020 COVID-19 Update Communication

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Good evening East Palestine families this is Mr. Neifer, EP Superintendent. I am calling to update you on where we are with plans to support our students during this unprecedented school closure. I am proud to say that this week ran relatively smoothly in getting out academic assignments and providing 1,845 meals to school district children. This week allowed us to gather information about the needs of the district and we have made some changes to our procedures for next week.

We will continue to provide access to grab and go breakfast and lunch bags at 3 locations across the district; they are: EP middle school, Centenary United Methodist Church, and Negley United Methodist Church. The Unity Fire Hall location will be closed. These sites will now be open from 11:00 am -1:00 pm for meal pick up On Mondays and Thursdays only. You will receive 3 days' worth of meals on Monday and 2 days' worth of meals on Thursday. Please go to the district website and look at the document labeled "Meal Distribution Plan - update" for more specific information about traffic patterns. Please stay in your cars and staff will deliver meals to your vehicle. We also ask that you bring your own bags for pickup if possible. Those families that have received meal deliveries this week will receive a delivery on Monday.

Teaching staff worked diligently to create lessons, resources and ways to communicate with your students. All lessons have been posted on the school websites under the interim lessons tab. You now have access to 10 days' worth of assignments. These assignments will be due on Monday April 6th, but can be turned in electronically or to any meal distribution sight before then. We are working on a plan to address any additional closure. We will update you as we receive more information.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and support. Please continue to monitor trusted district websites and social media applications for updated information.

Have a good evening, stay safe, and as always go bulldogs.

**Bulldog PRIDE**