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Greetings patrons, staff, and students,

We have ended the first week of school building closures in Kansas. I want to emphasize that while our buildings may be closed, school and learning are certainly not. School will certainly look different for the remainder of the year. The experience will be different. We recognize the incredible loss associated with this situation. However, we are not throwing in the towel on school year 2019-2020 in USD 415.

As stated yesterday, our teachers report to work again on Monday. They have already engaged in the process with us by creating plans, reaching out to families, investigating resources and learning new delivery platforms. As you can imagine an instructional shift like this changes the entire culture of school. While we recognize the inherent limitations in this shift, we are intrigued to discover new methods and practices. Instruction is slated to begin March 30th.

We thank the nearly 400 households who responded to our survey sent yesterday. We are using this information to help us better serve the needs of students and families. This input will help us develop components of our Continuous Learning Plan. It has also directed us to create more meal distribution sites so more children are fed. Please see the new meal distribution information on the following page.

Be looking for communication from your children's schools in the coming days. It will contain important information and answer questions including:

- What will instruction look like for my student? How will it be delivered?
- What is my role as a parent assisting my student?
- When will we be able to gather my child's belongings?
- If my child needs an electronic learning device, when and how will it be distributed?
- Who do we call for help?

I know I speak on behalf of teachers in saying we are glad to begin planning for the instruction of USD 415 students again. Thank you again for your understanding. We have received so many positive gestures and comments from our public. It's times like these that remind me of how fortunate I am to serve this community.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Moser, Superintendent



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Updated Meal Distribution Information

Starting Monday March 23, 2020 until May 20, 2020 a school meal program will be available to any person age 1 to 18 years of age Monday-Friday. New locations have been added to the list below.

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. Children may walk to all locations to receive their meal

<u>Location</u>		<u>Time</u>
Reserve	Bus Stop	10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
White Cloud	Boys and Girls Club 2169 Iowa Dr. White Cloud	11:30 AM – 12:30 AM
Hamlin	City Park	1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Hiawatha Elementary School	Pick-Up/Drop off lane	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Robinson	Old Legion Hall 212 Main St. Robinson	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Starting Monday March 23 Prairie Hills USD 113 will be distributing meals in Fairview at the city park 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

Powhattan will be added as a site for meal distribution for children starting Tuesday March 24. We will announce location and time on Monday March 23.

*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.