



**Hiawatha Unified School District No. 415**  
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March 23, 2020

Greetings patrons, staff, and students,

Today marked a new chapter in our adventure. Teachers began working in classrooms today. Of course, they did so while maintaining CDC protocols. Many were putting together resources and learning new delivery platforms. Sadly, they were also helping to gather student belongings for families to retrieve. While they did an admirable job of this, I observed a mixture of sadness and reluctant acceptance of the situation at hand. Our staff members want to be with their students. Your student is why they chose to be teachers. As we embark on this new adventure, this will become more evident.

As we embark on this new way of schooling, we will attempt to truly engage parents in the process. Often times, we find ourselves guilty of giving lip service to partnering with families. This situation will demand we acknowledge the value of partnering with families to better serve our students. We will, to a great extent, come to depend on you. I completely understand if that statement fails to comfort you.

As we embark on a new normal, you may feel burdened or even ill-equipped. You may need help and we will be here. We will be here in the form of teacher access. We will provide help when technology fails. We will be here in the form of caring professionals checking in on you and your students. We want to provide all we can even though we know it will pale in comparison to what our children truly deserve.

Please be looking for continued communication from your principal and teachers. I have seen several communications and applaud their efforts in this uncertain time. Please note the new meal distribution sites on the next page. As always, please contact us with questions and concerns. Being direct with those will yield more accurate information and will better identify issues.

In the end, this school year will come to rely on effort more than precision. The complexity of the situation demands we do our best, but accept the inherent limitations. Thank you for your continued understanding.

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
Powhattan	City Park	11:30 AM – 12:00 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**

\*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.