



Update #2 -March 26, 2020

Santa Fe R-X Community:

First, let me thank the entire community for your support of the district. I am proud of everyone's efforts and collaboration. Importantly, I would like to emphasize the following to provide clarity:

- The distance learning opportunities during closure **CANNOT hurt your child's grade**. It can **only improve their semester grade** if done proficiently. Lessons completed will be assessed and students will be provided feedback on their work.
 - All Santa Fe teachers are providing lessons as of Wednesday, 3/25. We are evaluating what is an appropriate amount of work and will adjust to what feels appropriate by the feedback we receive from students, parents and staff. Again, our goal is for your child to continue to learn.
- If your child needs a computer to complete work, please do not hesitate to contact their school to request one. We would be happy to deliver this to you!
- If you would like to sign up for meals, it's not too late! Breakfast and lunch are provided daily, M-F and delivered right to your door!
- The district is working with partners in our community to provide internet access for those without. We hope to have a plan together by the week of 3/30.

Without doubt all of this is not easy and can cause enormous stress! Please be patient as district staff, your students and our community work through the challenging times ahead, and remember the 1st bullet above. Encourage your child to give their best effort and support their learning opportunities! We are here to help!

Lastly, many have started to ask the question if we will actually be returning on the 6th. The honest answer is that I do not know. What we do know is that many schools/conferences and indeed entire counties have closed or enacted 'stay in place' orders through April 24th. We will continue to communicate with local health officials to make the decision that we feel is best and provide timely information without making a rash decision; this can be a fine balance. At this point, it is still up to individual school districts in Lafayette County to make decisions on closure.

Sincerely,

**Derek Lark
Superintendent
Santa Fe R-X School District**