

# TRENTON R-IX SCHOOLS

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Trenton R-IX Staff, Students, and Patrons,

As we continue in disbelief at what has happened to our school year, we continue to look for ways to minimize the effects around us. I am sure you were expecting an announcement of an extension of our closure. This does serve as such an announcement. **Trenton R-IX Schools will remain closed until Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. I am concerned that this will not be the last extension; however, this is our most current update announcement. We will continue to review the circumstances of this virus as it continues to close in around us and will make another announcement prior to the startup date listed. Please continue to watch our website for the most current information available.

I would like to send out a huge note of appreciation for the cooks and administrators that have been responsible for preparing and distributing lunches for any child in our community 18 years old or younger. We will continue to provide this service as long as the closure remains. In addition to the lunches our children have been receiving, this week we will begin to add a breakfast packet for the following day at the same time as your lunch. We served over 1000 lunches the 1<sup>ST</sup> week of this program and expect that it could grow even more. This program is provided to you at no cost. Please continue to call in your order in the morning at 660-359-4643 between 8:00-9:30 am so we can prepare the appropriate number of packets.

I would also like to thank the custodians for coming in to disinfect our facilities last week and special thanks to all the teachers and counselors who are developing the enhancement materials for our students. Everyone has truly been amazing in their efforts to get us through this very unique time.

Students – I truly feel for you and the opportunities that you are missing out on. Over my 36 years in public education, I have always appreciated the variety of activities that come year in and year out. Losing out on any of those must be devastating to you. I will promise you that we will consider this when this pandemic passes. I cannot promise that we can replace all of them, but we will do what we can to substitute the events we can. Hang in there, you are our future and you will learn many lessons from this time of unrest.



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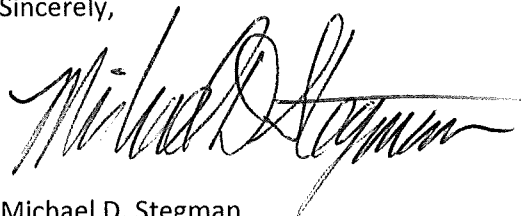
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Educationally, we will continue to provide enhancement materials for our students. Please continue to email our teachers with questions and needs regarding the enhancement materials available. At the high school level (9-12) where there are credits attached to classes, we will work with individual students to assure them that they have the appropriate opportunities to receive the academics needed to move to the next level. Also, in regards to high school classes that are taken as dual credit courses, they have continued with these classes online in accordance with the college that the course is attached to.

We will continue with the protocols we established at the beginning of this pandemic. All school buildings will remain closed, all extra-curricular events, practice, and the use of Trenton R-IX property for social gatherings has been cancelled or postponed. The buildings are to remain locked down during this time period. No one is to enter the facilities without prior authorization from Michael Stegman, Superintendent 660-359-3994, Kasey Bailey 660-359-2291 ([kbailey@trentonr9.k12.mo.us](mailto:kbailey@trentonr9.k12.mo.us)), Daniel Gott 660-359-4328 ([dgott@trentonr9.k12.mo.us](mailto:dgott@trentonr9.k12.mo.us)), Tiffany Otto 660-359-2228 ([totto@trentonr9.k12.mo.us](mailto:totto@trentonr9.k12.mo.us)) and Tara Hoffman 660-359-2228 ([thoffman@trentonr9.k12.mo.us](mailto:thoffman@trentonr9.k12.mo.us)). The office hours for the building administrators will vary in each building, but the administrators can always be reached by email. The district office will remain open from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon each day. Staff and patrons needing to pick-up items from the facilities must first contact your building administrator to make arrangements to enter the building.

And, most of all. Please take heed to the direction of those who are guiding us to minimize this awful disease. Exercise social distancing at all cost. Minimize any unnecessary travel. Continue to wash your hands. Find time to enjoy the company of your immediate family.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Stegman



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