

March 30, 2020

Dear School Community,

As our country, state, and community continue to analyze and address the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), our districts have continued to monitor our local situation. The Stoddard County Superintendents have been in regular contact regarding this pandemic. During a recent meeting, and after reviewing information from multiple sources including consulting with the Stoddard County Health Department and Stoddard County Emergency Management Agency, **the decision has been made to extend our current COVID-19 Wellness Break until April 24, 2020.**

Each of our schools have been putting forth our best effort to ensure our students are getting their basic needs met. All of our schools are providing meals to our students. All of our schools will be supplying enrichment activities to help keep our students educationally engaged. Information about these activities can be found on the school's website beginning Monday, April 6, 2020. All of our schools are wading in uncharted waters. We will continue to monitor the situation on a national level, but more importantly, on our local level. We understand that there are going to be more questions than answers, initially. However, we are confident that, with our communities' help, we will meet the challenge of doing what is ultimately best for our county students. Over the next couple of days and weeks, individual school districts will be doing their best to communicate with local residents their plans moving forward.

It is important to remember health departments across the country emphasize the following precautions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- Stay at home away from others if you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and wash your hands after disposal
- Do not go to work or school if you have cold or flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath)

There is more information on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website - <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>.

We will reconvene at a later date to assess the situation moving forward. Please feel free to contact your local school administrators with questions or comments. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely

Stoddard County Public Schools

Advance, Bell City, Bernie, Bloomfield, Dexter, Puxico, Richland, Woodland