Sanford School Buildings Closure Extended to April 27

Sanford School Department
March 20, 2020

The following is a letter from Matt Nelson, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Sanford School Community,

I am writing to let you know that given the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the recent declaration of Governor Mills of a Civil Emergency, the Sanford School Department school buildings closure is being extended until Monday, April 27. This decision is based on information from the Maine Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Maine Department of Education recognizing that longer school closures may be necessary to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Even though our school buildings are closed, our goal is for learning to continue. I have been very pleased during this first week of moving to distance learning. Our faculty and staff have been working hard preparing additional learning resources and we have distributed technology K-12 in anticipation of an extended closure. I am proud of the work that our students, staff and community have done together this week and look forward to building off this success to keep learning happening.

Distance learning will continue each weekday through Friday, April 17, at which point the April school vacation will begin as scheduled with the expectation we will return to school on April 27 if possible.

During this extended closure, I want to continue to stress the importance of enforcing social distancing and practicing good personal hygiene. These are the two most effective measures of reducing spread. Students should not be gathering for social activities of any kind or gathering on school grounds for any reason. Students should remain connected to one another via technology to minimize the effects of isolation.

We have provided meals at two sites across the city and hope to deliver lunches to all school bus stops beginning Wednesday, March 25. We will be releasing specific information as it becomes available. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, we encourage you to reach out to a teacher or principal for information regarding resources. Our Sanford Schools COVID-19 information is updated regularly and you can find the latest news, announcements and other resources at http://sanfordme.apptegy.us/o/sanford-school-department/page/2020-health-updates

Sincerely,

Matt Nelson – Superintendent