

LANE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Pam Matthews - Superintendent

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Dear Lane Public School family:

Last week, state officials announced they will recommend to the state Board of Education that Oklahoma students not return to the classroom for the remainder of the current school year, as our state continues to fight the spread of COVID-19. They have instead recommended a continuous learning plan that will allow students to complete the school year at home.

We are sharing this information with you so that you can begin to prepare accordingly for your family. We understand this recommendation is in the best interest of everyone's health, which is our greatest priority as a district. This also means that all extracurricular activities and special events will be canceled as well. If possible, at an appropriate time, when safe we will do something special for our kindergarten and the 8th grade classes. Making these difficult decisions, we believe, is simply the right thing to do for our students, our staff and our community.

We do have good news: Lane Public School has developed a plan to ensure your child will continue to have opportunities to learn and to grow academically, especially with parental support. Because we are unable to safely gather together, these lessons and activities will primarily be delivered and communicated through packets provided from the school. As you can imagine, this is a significant transition for our students and our teachers.

The packets will be available for pickup starting April 6th, 2020. These packets will be available to be picked up on April 6th or April 7th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the horseshoe by the administration office. If you are coming for meal pickup, you can pick your child's packet up at the same time. Please do not exit your vehicle. We will bring the student's packet out to you. The provided packet would have your child's work for the remainder of the school year. Each teacher may contact you and give your child an option for online curriculum instead of the paper packet. You are able to decide which is best suited for your family. The paper packets DO NOT need to be returned to the school. During this time of pandemic, student's grade will not be negatively affected.

For students, it likely will be sad and disappointing to learn that school as they know it will not resume this year. Please give them a safe place to express their feelings and to vent about the changes in their life. For our Kindergarten and 8th grade students and their parents, we know it is an especially difficult time. We will do everything possible to

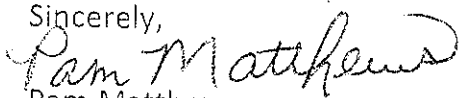
In fact, it will become one more example of how they demonstrated their strength as Eagles.

We have posted numerous resources on our website and Lane Parent Club, including information about free breakfasts and lunches for students under the age of 18 on Mondays, which will continue, as well as answers to frequently asked questions regarding the school closure. You can find these details and more by visiting the Lane Public School website. The site also includes recommendations from the CDC about protecting your health and the health of your loved ones. We ask you to please follow their advice by: (1) washing your hands regularly; (2) staying at home, if you can; and (3) practicing social distancing of at least six feet from others.

This is an unprecedented situation, and it has required an unprecedented response. We can still take care of Lane's students, though. This is a community that sticks together in challenging times, and we know this experience will be no different. As soon as we identify our next steps, we will share them with you.

Please stay safe. As always, we appreciate your support of Lane Public School.

Sincerely,



Pam Matthews
Superintendent



Ashley Willis
Principal