



Coronavirus Closure Update 4.3.20

District Plans for the Remainder of the Planned School Year

On April 2nd I received notification from the Governor and Commissioner of Education that all schools in Nebraska are closed to students through May 31st. This does not end our remote learning, but it will extend it through the end of this school year. Even more heartbreaking was to learn that all school and NSAA activities are officially cancelled. I can not put into words the disappointment I share with our students, especially the Senior Class, and our entire staff who won't be around to spend their final days this year with the people whose sole purpose we have for being in this profession.

Our Advisory Team has been working with me on a number of logistical and planning issues to address. I appreciate the work of the team and our entire staff through this catastrophic event. I am also greatly appreciative of our parents and families who have been understanding as we navigate through new and quickly changing conditions. Below we have addressed as many issues as we can as of today, additional details will be shared at our Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00pm. It will be live on Zoom and later a recording will be shared out through our social media, mobile application, and website.

CLOSURE

Shelby-Rising City Schools facilities are closed to students and the public, however, staff can continue to work and will work modified schedules as long as it is safe to do so. We are closed through May 31st per the Governor's Direct Health Measure.

STUDENT LEARNING

All students will continue to learn through our Remote Learning Plan. We continue to make adjustments to best serve students in learning, using priority targets and reduced workload to focus on learning. While students won't get all of the content they would have during the fourth quarter, students will not be behind any peers in Nebraska and content review/catch-up will be a focus at the start of next school year. School devices will continue to be used with alternate options if necessary. Work is due weekly and students are expected to complete work. Parents are not expected to be teachers, but may need to be support for their child. Do not hesitate to reach out to teachers for guidance on learning. We appreciate the feedback we received at the first Town Hall Meeting.

GRADING/CREDIT

Grading for the 4th quarter will be pass/fail for each class. We have not determined how that will impact a final semester grade, but I can assure you students who pass will have a positive impact on their 3rd quarter grade and semester final grade. The goal is to help students learn and if work is completed then it allows teachers the flexibility to make it a positive experience for students.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/ACTIVITIES BANQUET

The Governor's decision has forced the NSAA to cancel the remainder of school activities for the 2019-2020 school year. This includes all school activities scheduled by S-RC as well. We have no idea how this will impact normal summer operations like the weight room and camps at this time. The Activities Banquet will not be held, however, we will prepare the



program and all awards like we have every year and present them to students when they check out for the school year.

GRADUATION

It was determined to propose to the School Board to postpone Graduation from May 9th to Friday, July 31st. The ceremony would be our traditional ceremony starting at 4:00pm. If we reach July 31st and any restrictions remain in place, we will adjust the ceremony to meet those restrictions. We understand there are potential conflicts, but we are making this decision well enough in advance to ensure we have the best chance to give our Seniors a regular ceremony while avoiding County Fair and Legion Baseball dates.

END OF SCHOOL/CHECK-IN DATES

At this time we are formulating specific plans for ending the school year, checking in books/devices, and checking out students. Since students can not be in the building we will do check-in and check-out through a drop off method. These details are preliminary and more information will be sent out as we get closer.

SENIORS

The last day of learning will be Wednesday, May 6th and all work will be due that day. A detailed schedule will be sent out on how this day will look. Plan to check-in/out will be this same day. We plan on it being by last name and you will also be able to pick up your personal items and graduation materials. Mr. Bobolz will continue to communicate with the Senior parents and students regarding this.

PRE-SCHOOL

The last day of Pre-School learning will be Wednesday, May 13th. Student check-out will occur on May 18th and Mrs. Augustin will coordinate that and communicate with parents about this process at a later day. Any parents who pre-paid for pre-school will be reimbursed for the last quarter. We will process those repayments in May and mail them home. Anyone who may still owe for the first three quarters will also be sent an invoice.

GRADES K-1-2

The last day of learning will be Wednesday, May 13th and all work will be due that day. A detailed schedule will be sent out on how check-in day on Monday, May 18th will look. Plan to check-in/out by last name and you will also be able to pick up your personal desk/locker items. Mrs. Glock and your teachers will continue to communicate with the parents and students regarding this process.

GRADES 3-4-5

The last day of learning will be Wednesday, May 13th and all work will be due that day. A detailed schedule will be sent out on how check-in day on Tuesday, May 19th will look. Plan to check-in/out by last name and you will also be able to pick up your personal desk/locker items. Mrs. Glock and your teachers will continue to communicate with the parents and students regarding this process.



GRADES 6-7-8

The last day of learning will be Wednesday, May 13th and all work will be due that day. A detailed schedule will be sent out on how check-in day on Wednesday, May 20th will look. Plan to check-in/out by last name and you will also be able to pick up your personal desk/locker items. Mr. Bobolz and your teachers will continue to communicate with the parents and students regarding this process.

GRADES 9-10-11

The last day of learning will be Wednesday, May 13th and all work will be due that day. A detailed schedule will be sent out on how check-in day on Thursday, May 21st will look. Plan to check-in/out by last name and you will also be able to pick up your personal desk/locker items. Mr. Bobolz and your teachers will continue to communicate with the parents and students regarding this process.

LUNCH PROGRAM

The lunch program will continue to serve daily through May 21st, with the exception of April 10th and 13th which are part of our Easter Break. The only change would take place if the Governor issues a "Shelter-in-Place" order which would no longer permit us to have employees on site to prepare the meals.

TEACHER AND STAFF SCHEDULES

Teachers and District staff will continue to work modified schedules as long as it is safe to do so. Teachers will continue to be accessible to students and their last day for the year will be Friday, May 22nd. Other staff will work assigned duties through May 22nd and the following week we will have only summer staff report. Principals will work their regular schedule into June. If a "Shelter-in-Place" is ordered all learning will continue, however, teachers and other staff will be working from home unless designated as "Essential" building personnel.

MEDICATIONS ON SITE

Our school nurse, Michelle Sterup, will communicate with parents and establish a pick-up process and day. There is a formal process that is required and we can not deviate from that for the safety of ensuring prescription medication is handled properly. If you have questions they should be referred to her, no other personnel at S-RC can make those decisions.

There will continue to be areas we will address over the next few weeks, but wanted to allow everyone to plan ahead on how the remainder of April and May will look like after the Governor's decision.

I truly appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility. It has been difficult to have been dealt the hand we have and being unable to make decisions for ourselves. Do not hesitate to reach out with questions if you have them.

Chip Kay, Superintendent