

“Good morning Lincoln Parish staff. This is Mike Milstead. The attached link provides updated information since the Governor’s most recent statement.

1. Most of you are probably aware that yesterday Governor Edwards extended his “stay-at-home” order through April 30th.
2. That means for us that school will not restart until possibly May
3. Our supervisors have been in touch with principals concerning what additional actions we need to take to facilitate more effective and inclusive student contact. Principals will reach out to you if they haven’t already done so concerning your obligation in this process. Several different groups of employees are being asked or have already been asked to contribute to our instructional and moral obligations. Thank you for doing your part.
4. I’m aware that we possess limitations in various areas, but we must do all we can during this time to remain in contact with our students.
5. Additionally, I want you to understand that the “stay-at-home order” has significantly affected our sales-tax receipts for the month of March. I anticipate this negative trend to continue and probably increase. We will be closely monitoring this especially for the month of April and following. As you can imagine, all school systems are presently considering this impact on financial resources.
6. Based on this information, we must as a state and as the Lincoln Parish School district make sure that we adhere to the Governor’s order and do all we can to help bring an end to the pandemic. The sooner that happens, the sooner we may experience a turnaround for sales tax receipts and get back to some sense of normalcy.
7. I know that each of us will continue to lead the way as an example of encouragement, confidence in God, and courage toward people and the circumstances in which we find ourselves. Let’s be that example as we have the opportunity to do so.
8. Each one of you is appreciated.