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Dear North Crawford Students and Families,

I hope this letter finds you all staying healthy and strong. It's hard to believe it has already been over a month since we've had students at school. The last month has certainly presented its share of frustrations and challenges. I'm so proud of how flexible, understanding, and resilient our staff, students, and families have been during these challenging times. This has reinforced for me how amazing it is to work at North Crawford, and live in our communities.

As most of you have probably heard, Governor Evers earlier today made the official announcement that schools in Wisconsin are closed for the remainder of the year. He also extended the Safer at Home orders through May 26th. While many of us were expecting this announcement, it's still incredibly difficult and deflating to hear that final announcement, and the reality that we will not see our students back in the building this year. While the physical school building will remain closed the rest of the year, it does not mean school has ended.

Our plan will be to continue our Virtual/Alternative Education program as we have been doing, through the last day of school, which is scheduled for June 2nd. Our district made a commitment to make sure all of our families have internet connectivity and a device if that is their wish. We have provided internet hotspots to many families, as well as Chromebooks. For families that do not wish to receive instruction virtually, we have made accommodations for those families. If you continue to have issues with internet accessibility or technology devices, please contact your child's teacher or principal. For any questions directly related to our online instruction, please contact your respective principal.

Along with the school closure, all spring athletics and co-curricular activities have been cancelled. I know this has been very difficult for our spring student-athletes, especially our seniors, who did not get the opportunity to take to the track or field for one last season at North Crawford. I want to personally thank our North Crawford senior student-athletes for your commitment and dedication over the years to yourselves, your team, and our district. Your contributions will be greatly missed.

Many have been wondering about Prom, Scholarship Night, and of course Graduation. At this time, what we know is that schools are closed through the remainder of the school year. We do not anticipate being able to use the physical school building for any of these events. We understand each of these events is important to our students, and we have every intention of making sure students can still celebrate and be recognized. For Prom, we will be working together to brainstorm ideas as to how we can still hold Prom, especially for our Juniors. This may mean that Prom won't happen until a later date, maybe even into next Fall. We are committed to make sure that our Seniors who are receiving scholarships are still recognized and honored for their accomplishments. Again, we will be working together to plan an alternative to our annual Scholarship Night. Finally, concerning the Commencement Ceremony for our seniors, we have been committed from day one to make sure that we recognize and honor our graduating seniors. They have worked too hard to get to this point



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in their lives for us not to properly honor this important milestone. We will communicate in the near future what our alternative plans will be for a graduation ceremony.

One of my proudest aspects during this shutdown has been the dedication and commitment of our staff who continue to prep, pack, and deliver meals to our families. To date we have served thousands of meals to nearly 400 students daily since school was shutdown. Our intention is to continue our weekly meal deliveries to our families who desire to have breakfast and lunch delivered each Monday. If you have any questions or concerns with our food service deliveries, or would like to change the status of your deliveries, please contact Food Service Director Jennifer Kapinus at jkapinus@ncrawford.k12.wi.us.

I am not blind to the fact that this shutdown has caused additional stress and hardships for many of our families. If your family is in need of additional resources or support, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our staff. If we're not able to provide that support directly, our staff will be able to recommend outside support and resources that may be able to assist.

Finally, while we may not all agree with the Governor's decision to extend the Safer at Home order through May 26th, what we can agree on is the measures we have taken up to this point have helped immensely to slow the spread of COVID-19 across our state. We can all do our part to still support our local businesses, whether it's ordering take out, purchasing gift cards, or giving donations. Let's continue to work together to follow the Safer at Home orders and hopefully continue our positive trends and projections of slowing the spread and rate of coronavirus contraction. I believe we are all ready to get back to some sense of normalcy as soon as possible. If that means that we continue to stay at home and social distance for another month, it will be worth it to hopefully get closer to normal by summer.

I want to thank you all again for your patience and understanding the last few weeks as we have worked through the many wrinkles this has presented. Without your cooperation none of what we have done would be possible. Please continue to communicate with our staff with any questions or suggestions you may have. Our staff and I are fully committed to continuing to support our students and families throughout the duration of this shutdown. We're all in this together. Please stay safe, and I hope to see you all soon.

Respectfully,

Brandon Munson

Brandon Munson, Superintendent