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COVID-19 Update - April 21, 2020

On April 20, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine ordered that all of Ohio's K-12 school buildings remain closed to students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic school year due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Although our school buildings are to remain closed, remote learning will continue through the remainder of the school year. We will continue to adjust and administer our virtual learning plans and expectations, provide student services and resources to the best of our ability, and distribute free meals each week to our students.

Staff Availability

During scheduled school days, our teachers will be available via email from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to support our parents and students. Teachers and building principals will be sharing via email their remote learning plans and expectations with parents and students on an ongoing basis. For those students who do not have access to online learning, hard copies of assignments by grade level have been made available for all students. If you have questions or missed the last pick-up, please contact your child's principal (ann.brinkley@locklandschools.org in K-6 and adam.raby@locklandschools.org in grades 7-12).

Administrators and support staff will also be working remotely and available between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays via email. You can also leave a voicemail if that is easier.

Meal Distribution

Feeding operations are ongoing despite the stay-at-home orders and will remain in place throughout the remainder of the school closure.

Students can still pick up food on Mondays from 11 a.m. – 12 noon at door #13. At that time, one week's worth of food (both breakfast and lunch) will be distributed.

After the school year ends, the district will continue to provide free meals through our summer meal program. The distribution of these meals is dependent on the most current orders from the governor. We will keep our community updated on our food delivery model as we move forward.

School Facilities/Grounds Remain Closed

Per the Governor's orders and OHSAA, all school, playgrounds, and athletic facilities are closed and use of our facilities by outside groups has also been suspended until further notice.

Scheduled Spring/Summer Events

All athletics (per OHSAA guidance), field trips, overnight trips, performances, award programs, and parent-teacher conferences have been canceled through the remainder of the school year. Our high school administrators are working on options to reschedule prom pending the directives on large group gatherings.

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Graduation

The Governor and the Ohio General Assembly enacted House Bill 197 to address issues raised by the coronavirus pandemic. This legislation states that Ohio students who were on track to graduate at the time of the ordered school-building closure will be permitted to graduate on time in the Spring of 2020. Our high school team will continue to work with seniors who are in jeopardy of not meeting graduation requirements.

We have changed the date of our graduation ceremony. In the event that we are able to gather in large crowds by August 1, 2020, we will be holding our class of 2020 graduation ceremony on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, in the stadium. Rain date is August 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. If it is raining on the 8th, we will move the event to the gym.

Summer School

With the current building closure orders, we are still discussing summer enrichment classes for our students and will communicate these plans with our parents in the upcoming weeks.

Summer Sports Camps/Programs

Under the current guidelines, no sport camps or summer programs will be hosted by the school district this summer. We will follow the latest directives when determining the status of summer conditioning programs for our student-athletes. Look for communication from our athletic director and coaches about summer conditioning.

Status of 2020-2021 School Year

No specific decisions have been made at this time on the status of our buildings being re-opened in August. The state continues to monitor the status of the COVID-19 outbreak and our ability to resume normal activities.

In his press briefings, Governor DeWine has made it clear that Ohio's schools and businesses will not be operating in the same way until there is a vaccine available for COVID-19. Our district administrators have been planning and consulting with other education leaders and public health officials for alternatives to comply with the Governor's most-current orders and maintain a healthy environment for staff and students.

For More Information

The district has a dedicated web page with resources related to the COVID-19 virus and its implications with links to our remote learning pages at www.locklandschools.org.

We will continue to update our school community based on the most up-to-date orders and guidelines from the Governor. We appreciate your support and know that we will continue to work together as a school community to navigate through these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Bob Longworth
Superintendent
Lockland Local School District