



LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 41-4

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To: Lennox School District Families

From: Chad Conaway, Superintendent

Re: Updates

Lennox School District Families,

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY

With an extended closure through May 1, the South Dakota Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 188 and SB 189 which provide school districts relief from certain statutory requirements. SB 188 provides the South Dakota Secretary of Education the authority to waive minimum instructional hours. This authority has not been exercised yet, and each school district is being asked to do their best to provide instruction via distance learning. The Lennox School Board approved our flex learning plan to count toward required instructional hours in lieu of face-to-face instruction at their special meeting on March 30. As such, it is important your student(s) continue to engage in learning expectations established by their teacher(s) and building principals.

In addition to the aforementioned, SB 189 provides exemption from state testing, evacuation drills, the state accountability system and other specific requirements governing school districts. A detailed list of exemptions and waivers provided in SB 189 can be found at:

https://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Bill.aspx?Bill=189&Session=2020

EDUCATION PLAN

Moving forward, building principals will provide a weekly overview of the week's learning plan. Your child's teacher will provide the details of their learning expectations and assessment for the week. Stay engaged with your child's teacher(s). If you have questions or concerns, please communicate with your child's teacher(s) and/or building principal. If you do not have the ability to email or have trouble connecting with your child's teacher, please call the business office at (605) 647-2203 extension 8, and we will help you make contact. If no one is here to take your call, please leave a message with your name, phone number, and which teacher you are trying to contact.

Additional learning resources can be found at: <https://lennoxhsmslibrary.weebly.com/>

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INTERNET ACCESS

Building secretaries made calls to families last week to collect information regarding internet access and their access to computer devices. We have made arrangements with families who indicated they did not have access to these items. If your situation changes, please contact us at (605) 647-2203 extension 8 and we will help find a solution. As a reminder, internet can be obtained via the following:

- School owned devices can access Wi-Fi outside any district school building.
- Non-school owned devices may access a public Wi-Fi network outside of the Lennox Community Library.

LUNCH PROGRAM

- We will continue to offer a grab-and-go sack lunch and breakfast to ALL K-12 students during the closure on the days we were scheduled to be in session. April 10 and 13 were scheduled days off and we will not provide lunch on these dates. Pickup times are 11:00 AM through 12:00 PM. Locations for pick-up:
 - Lennox Elementary
 - Worthing Elementary
 - Chancellor Reformed Parking Lot
 - The Corner of W. 26th Street and S. Katie Ave. in Sioux Falls

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

All school buildings in the district will continue to be closed to the public through May 3. As cases of COVID-19 continue to grow in this area, we feel it responsible and necessary to also close our playgrounds and outdoor basketball courts effective Monday, April 6. While we hate to take this option away, we need to do our best to discourage social gatherings.

GRADUATION AND ACTIVITIES

For now, the 2020 commencement ceremony is still scheduled for May 9. However, we are planning for alternative dates should we still be closed. Mr. Allison is sending out a calendar survey to determine which alternate dates may work best for the majority of our seniors and their families. As we get closer to the end of this month, we'll likely have a better idea of where things are heading. We have a strong desire to ensure our seniors get the opportunity at some point to walk across the stage and be honored for their accomplishment. We hope it is May 9, but we may have to be flexible.

Prom, spring activities, and the basketball tournament have all been postponed. Like graduation, we hope our seniors and all students will get the opportunity to participate in these things at a later date. We will let you know as soon as we are able to determine when and if these things can be made up along with the respective dates.

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JUST A REMINDER TO CONTINUE WITH THE PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS BELOW:

- Frequent and thorough hand washing for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- **Stay home when you are sick.**

Thank you for doing your part in keeping everyone healthy!

Chad Conway, Superintendent
Lennox School District