



# LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 41-4

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3-17-2020

To: Lennox School District Families

From: Chad Conaway, Superintendent

Re: Lennox School District, Continued Closure through March 27

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Greetings,

The Governor has requested schools be closed another week. As such, Lennox School District will continue to be closed March 23-27. For your review, I attached our pandemic plan which serves as our road map for actions and considerations during this time. A primary concern during this extended absence from school is the ongoing education of our students. Face-to-face instruction in the classroom is irreplaceable, but we are formulating plans to deliver educational materials and opportunities for students to limit learning regression over this extended closure. You can expect communication from your building principals on Monday, March 23 in regard to this issue.

### **As an FYI: Instructional hours through March 13:**

SDCL 13-26-1 defines how many instructional hours each grade level must fulfill in an academic year. **The required instructional hours are as follows:** Kindergarten = 437.5 hours; Grades 1 through 5 = 875 hours; Grades 6 through 12 = 962.5 hours. **Instructional hours completed through March 13:** Kindergarten through grade 4 = 821.33 hours; Grades 5 through 8 = 832 hours; and grades 9-12 = 802.4 hours.

Instructional hours in a day do not include recess, lunch, time between classes, SRB time in the high school, etc. For this reason, the amount of instructional hours in a day at each grade span varies, but on average, each instructional day is roughly 6.25 hours. As you can see, by the end of the third quarter, we have already come close to meeting the state's minimum instructional requirements. I offer this information for reflection purposes only. Decisions about makeup days will be forthcoming.

### **Sack lunch and breakfast available, March 18 and March 23-27 from 11 AM to 12 PM**

We will continue to serve sack lunches and breakfast to all K-12 students who need them at no cost. Locations for pick-up include:

- Lennox Elementary
- Worthing Elementary
- Chancellor Reformed Church Parking Lot

**Reminder all buildings are closed to the public through March 29.**

I want to remind you that all buildings and gymnasiums are closed to the public through March 29. All practices and activities have been canceled until further notice. Limited access will be in place for essential personnel for ongoing cleaning and school business.

**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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Conway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Chad Conway, Superintendent  
Lennox School District