

# DEVILS LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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Students, Staff, Parents, and Guardians,

Governor Burgum has now directed the closure of all public and private K-12 schools in North Dakota through March 31, 2020 due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of the closure is to slow the rate of spread of this virus. Please continue to practice social distancing and other recommendations of the Center for Disease Control previously shared. This communication will provide information for the week of March 23-27, 2020.

## Continuation of Education Services for all students

All classroom teachers have developed learning opportunities for students to continue education throughout the school closure. Classroom teachers, building principals, and paraprofessionals will be making every attempt to regularly contact each individual student to provide them the information regarding their continued learning. If you are in need of any assistance with technology devices or service, please contact your child's school secretary. Students in grades 5-12 should check their dlschools.org email accounts for information from staff. All educational staff will be available at each school site this week Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM for distribution of materials or individual meetings with students/parents. We are requesting parents/students to pick up any necessary educational materials and any personal items that may still be at the school according to this schedule:

Monday and Tuesday, March 23 & 24, 2020:

Last Name A-F	8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
Last Name G-L	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Last Name M-S	12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
Last Name T-Z	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

**NOTE—The staggering of parents and students will assist as we stress the importance of social distancing and discourage large group gatherings. We will limit the number of parents/students being present in each school at all times. We understand that some may need to stop at multiple schools and the above timelines are for guidance. Remember to practice social distancing and stay a minimum of 6 feet away from all other people. If you are ill or have household members that are ill, do not come to the schools.**

We are experiencing something totally new for all of us. We are requesting all parents/guardians to assist the school district in providing the best education possible for your students. We have all heard the African Proverb: "It takes a village to raise a child!" We all need to contribute to this effort to ensure student success. Successful completion of assignments and work may be required for students to be promoted in grades K-8 or to receive credit at the high school level. Spend time reading with your students and being engaged with learning activities.

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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and Thursday, March 26, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:30 PM will not occur at the school sites but will be conducted via telephone. Teachers will contact you at your already scheduled time or reach out to you when they do not have a scheduled conference. Please reach out to your student's teacher(s) if you did not have a conference previously scheduled. As per our calendar, teachers will not be available on Friday, March 27, 2020. Your assistance with continued communication about your student's academic progress is greatly appreciated.

## Meals will be available for children ages 0-18 free of charge

We will be providing meals for pickup free of charge to all children ages 0-18 Monday-Friday throughout the school closure. Meals can be picked up at Central Middle School by entering the doors near the cafeteria each day from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is for all children no matter which school or school district they attend. If you are in need of meals for your children but are unable to make it to Central Middle School, please contact your child's school secretary and we will attempt to have it delivered to your home.

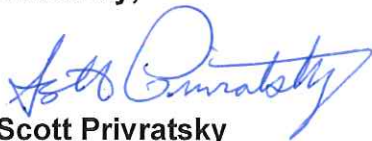
## Moving Forward

We will continue to monitor the situation and follow guidance from Governor Burgum, the ND Department of Health, ND Department of Public Instruction, and Lake Region District Health. Please be reminded that this is an ever-changing situation and we will do our best to continue communication while serving the students of our school district.

The Devils Lake Public Schools Administrative Team will be working to prepare our plan for resuming school on April 1, 2020 if allowed to do so or continue providing educational services remotely.

We take the health and safety of our children, school, and community very seriously. We also understand our responsibility to provide educational services to all children. Updated information for future days/weeks of closure will be provided as we move forward. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,



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Superintendent