

DEVILS LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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Students, Staff, Parents, and Guardians,

I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy! We can all do our part to protect ourselves and our loved ones by following a few simple precautions:

- Practicing Social Distancing Staying 6 Feet Away from Others
- Washing our Hands Frequently
- Refraining from Touching our Face
- Using Hand Sanitizer Often
- Wearing Facemasks
- Avoiding Groups of 10 Individuals or More
- If you are ill, stay home
- If you experience shortness of breath, seek medical attention

Providing Distance Education Services for All Students

The Devils Lake Public Schools Distance Learning Plan was submitted to DPI on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. We received approval of our Distance Learning Plan from DPI and the Governor's Office on Monday, March 30, 2020. The Devils Lake Public Schools Distance Learning Plan can be found here on our website:

<http://www.devils-lake.k12.nd.us/distance-learning-plan/>

All DLPS employees have been working especially hard to prepare for this, new way for all, distance learning. DLPS teachers, administrators, and all support staff have been going above and beyond preparing for this time. Thank you, DLPS employees! I am proud of each of you! We are asking all educational staff to remain in constant communication with students and families to assist in the learning process. We want ALL students to succeed academically, physically, socially, and emotionally! DLPS wants to be there for our students and families no matter the need. DLPS employees are striving to exceed the expectations of our students and families!

If there is ever a time for strong partnerships between educators and families, the time is now. Parents and families can assist the educational process by providing consistent quiet times and home locations for students to study and complete their work. The more consistent the routines, the greater the opportunity for student success. Don't be afraid to reach out to your child's teacher(s) as we want to be available to support you in this endeavor. Thank you, parents and families, for your continued support of your child's education. You have more influence on your children than anyone!

We understand that we will experience several hiccups throughout this endeavor. I am confident that with hard-working educational staff and supportive parents and families we will come through this pandemic stronger than ever!

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DLPS will Continue to Provide Meals Throughout the Extended Closure

Meals (lunch and the next day's breakfast) are available by drive-by pickup on the North side of Central Middle from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. This service is free of charge to all children ages 0-18 no matter which school or school district they attend or where they live. If DLPS students or their families are unable to come to Central Middle School to pickup meals, we are delivering meals as well. If you are in need of having meals delivered, contact your child's school and you will be added to one of our delivery routes.

NO MEALS AVAILABLE DURING THE EASTER BREAK—Thursday, April 9, 2020, Friday, April 10, 2020, or Monday, April 13, 2020.

I can't express adequate gratification and thanks to all of the employees of DLPS that have been working so hard to provide this service to the children of our school and community.

Moving Forward

We will continue to follow the guidance provided by Governor Burgum, the ND Department of Health, ND Department of Public Instruction, and Lake Region District Health.

Take Care! Stay Safe and Healthy!

**Scott Privratsky
Superintendent**