

# DEVILS LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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**Students, Staff, Parents, and Guardians,**

The past several weeks have created challenges for all of us. Whether it has been the closure of our schools and local businesses or the difficulty we all have to social distance from our many friends and family members. It is difficult to express enough appreciation and gratitude for your support of the school district during this time through a letter. The care, compassion, and kindness that has been shared from so many of you has been amazing and will be a lasting memory from the 2019-2020 school year and the 2020 Pandemic.

On Friday, May 1, 2020, Governor Burgum ordered the closure of all of the states K-12 schools and continuation of distance learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. We understand that this decision places the huge responsibility on many of you to continue to support your children with distance learning for the remaining days of the school year. The final day of school for the Devils Lake Public Schools is Wednesday, May 20, 2020. I want to stress why it is so important to continue this strong partnership until that time. Together we can meet the following goals, but we all must maintain high expectations for learning:

- Ensure that seniors at Devils Lake High School earn their diploma and graduate on time.
- Every student achieves academically to be prepared and ready for the next grade level. Second graders ready for third grade, fifth graders ready for sixth grade, etc.
- Ensure the mental, physical, and emotional health of all students is addressed.
- Support and assist students and families in any manner necessary to allow them to be successful with distance learning.
- Keep all Devils Lake Public Schools students, employees and their families safe and healthy.

Thank you again for your support of our school district through many difficult decisions. If you need anything that will assist in your child's learning, don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers or school. We want every Devils Lake Public School student to succeed—academically, emotionally, physically, and socially.

The Devils Lake Public Schools Administration Team has began the difficult task of making 'modified' plans for the successful completion of the 2019-2020 school year. We will also begin discussing and developing plans for the schools to re-open in August 2020.

## Returning Books, Materials, and Technology

The week of May 18, 2020 through May 22, 2020 has been designated for students and/or parents/guardians to return books, materials, and technology to their respective schools. Please remember to bring the power cords in with any technology devices you are returning.

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## **Summer School**

There will not be any elementary or middle school summer school in June 2020. Summer school for high school students will be through distance learning model. If you have any questions regarding high school summer school contact Devils Lake High School at 662-1200 or Lake Area Career & Technology Center at 662-7650.

## **DLPS will Continue to Provide Meals**

Meals (lunch and the next day's breakfast) will continue to be available by drive-by pickup on the North side of Central Middle School 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. This service will continue as noted above through Friday, May 29, 2020.

**NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020—MEMORIAL DAY**

More information will be provided at a later date regarding the Summer Food Program scheduled for June 1, 2020 through August 7, 2020.

I owe my most sincere gratitude and thanks to the many DLPS employees working so hard to provide not only educational services but also the nutritious meals to the children of our school and community.

Take Care! Stay Safe and Healthy!



Scott Privratsky  
Superintendent