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To: Students, Staff, Parents, and Friends of Scott County Schools

From: Jamie Rumford, Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 26, 2020

Re: Continuous Learning – Teacher Preparation Week

Teaching staff returned to work this week to begin preparations for instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Staff meetings were held using online connections, and staff members accessed our buildings to retrieve necessary resources to prepare lessons for our students. Through all of our work, we have encouraged and made assurances that staff could adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Students are coming to the buildings at assigned times to pick up their belongings from classrooms and lockers. We attempted to create a schedule that allowed social distancing guidelines to be followed with this process as well. All belongings should be picked up by the end of the week (March 27, 2020). Once the traffic in the buildings slows down, we will clean and disinfectant all buildings again.

Monday, March 30 is the first day our students will resume school work. Our teaching staff has done an incredible job of creating lessons and activities to keep our students growing educationally and encouraging them to have some fun. We are very proud of their response to alternate methods of educating and for bringing so much energy and excitement with their efforts! Students will see lessons and activities from each class they were enrolled in when the school closing was announced.

Accommodations are being made for students who do not have internet access or a device to use at home. A large majority of our students have the necessary access to connect to their teacher, but we are working to help out 15-20 students.

Our lunch program served just over 1,000 lunches in the first three days! Remember, all children and students between the ages 1 and 18 qualify for a free lunch with this program. We serve from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the north side of the district office at 704 S. College. Students need to be present to get the meal.

Many patrons have reached out this week to offer help and support as we adjust to the way school will operate for the next eight weeks. We have also noticed many community members setting up activities our students and families can participate in while keeping social distancing measures in place. The support from all of you is much appreciated and necessary for this to be successful! Thank you to everyone willing to help our students grow!

In Education,

L. Jamie Rumford

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