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

From: Jamie Rumford, Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 17, 2020

Re: School Closings - COVID-19, Coronavirus

Governor Kelly announced today the closing of all school buildings for the remainder of the school year. U.S.D. 466 understands this announcement creates challenges for the families we serve, yet we know this is in the best interest of public safety.

Plans to address the educational needs of our students have been in process and will continue throughout the week. Teaching staff will come back next week (March 23) to begin training for a new look to our delivery of education. We will be exploring a mix of online services, small group work where groups of 10 or fewer students come to the buildings for instruction and project work, and distribution of materials for work to be completed at home. Parental involvement will be a key piece in the continuation of the educational experience, and we look to support that as well.

We are also offering a lunch program similar to our summer lunch program. This will provide a sack lunch free of charge for all kids in our community between the ages of 1-18. These sack lunches will be distributed in a "Grab and Go" format, and can be picked up at the northeast corner of the district office building at 704 S. College. Included in the sack lunch is a light breakfast item for the following day. This program starts Monday, March 23.

District events as planned are canceled due to the number of people who can be in close proximity at any given time. This includes athletics, concerts, dances, graduation, etc. As with the educational adjustments described above, we will look for opportunities for our students to include themselves in activities, as long as it can be accomplished with public safety in mind.

We are entering a period of time unknown to all of us and it poses a lot of questions. There is work to be done to make the best of this situation for the sake of our students and our future. Let us all band together to look for solutions over complaints, support over scrutiny, and opportunities over challenges.

In Education,



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IS TO PROVIDE A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS