



Dear Colleagues,

As you have probably heard, Governor Tim Walz made several announcements today, including a stay-at-home order that begins this Friday evening and is in effect for two weeks—as well as an extension of e-learning for schools that will last through at least Monday, May 4.

I know the changes will have a significant impact on you and your families, as well as on all District parents and students, and I recognize the stress you will be experiencing. I want to be sure you know our current plan for how we will move forward throughout the extended school closure.

E-LEARNING

As you know, Minnetonka Schools will begin e-learning for E-12 on Monday, April 6 following Spring Break. Parents have been told that they will receive instructions about e-learning expectations and schedules for their children from their principals and teachers this week. All of your work on these plans has been appreciated.

CHILDCARE

Minnetonka Schools' Explorers program will continue to provide mandated childcare for the children of emergency and healthcare workers Monday-Friday throughout the school closure time period, including during Spring Break.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Free school lunch will continue to be offered to all children in Minnesota, 18 years old and younger, Monday through Friday until school resumes. This includes Spring Break and April 10 (a non-school day).

Lunch pick-up continues at the following sites:

- 11: 00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Minnetonka Heights (by the leasing office) - 5809

S County Road 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345

- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Stratford Woods (by the leasing office) - 18900 Stratford Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55345
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Excelsior United Methodist Church (in the parking lot) - 881 3rd Ave, Excelsior, MN 55331

Only parent(s), guardian(s) and/or the student may pick up food. Children do not need to be accompanied by an adult to receive food.

Please note: School lunch is being provided by all school districts to any child in Minnesota, so if a family resides outside of Minnetonka, they can receive school lunch in Minnetonka, or if they so choose to, they can check with their local school district if they would prefer to receive school lunch for their child closer to home.

MSHSL ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Effective immediately and continuing until Governor Walz has lifted his school closure declaration, all participation in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) spring activities at all member schools is suspended. Participation includes, but is not limited to, competitions, training, practices, scrimmages and contests. Coaches need to be aware of these limitations.

Pending a reopening of schools by the Governor, return to participation protocols will be determined and communicated by the State High School League board and staff. No decisions regarding the cancellation of spring activities have been made at this time.

The current suspension of participation includes fine arts activities and athletics and the following events remain suspended indefinitely: Speech Section and State Tournaments, Music Contests, Visual Arts Competitions and State Festival, MSHSL State Robotics Tournament, MSHSL Clay Target State Tournament. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available and as decisions are made.

DISTRICT-WIDE EVENTS

All district-wide events are canceled through at least May 4, 2020. This includes Community Education classes, programs and events (including, most recently, the Youth Triathlon event).

All of this information will be shared on the COVID-19 page of the District Web site,

as will any additional updates.

Thank you for all you are doing to support District families, students and each other through these challenging times. Stay well and safe.

Dennis Peterson
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