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Update - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness and Precautions

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members,

Southwest Region Schools is further extending spring break for students and the closure of schools for public meetings and gatherings. Students are now expected to return on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Staff, that have not traveled out of the region in the past 14 days will still report to work on March 23rd as planned to continue work on long term planning and preparations should this break become more extended.

This extension is due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases within the state in past two days and the rapidly changing situation. As always, the safety of our students, elders and communities is at the forefront of our planning. We are working with a variety of regional and state agencies to help bring us through this stressful and anxious time for many as well as enable our schools to plan to meet challenges ahead.

What are we doing in response to the situation?

- We are working closely with a number of state and regional agencies to keep well informed as the situation evolves.
- Our maintenance team and other staff will continue extensive cleaning and disinfecting protocols in all buildings.
- The district will be implementing meal service and delivery for all students as soon as sufficient supplies arrive to begin.
- Staff will be developing curriculum for distribution to students at home during this time of closure.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. We will also be sharing a timeline for meal service and curriculum delivery/support during this closure for students soon.

Sincerely,

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Steve Noonkesser, Superintendent