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Re: Important Information about the Coronavirus

Dear Families,

With the COVID-19 situation continuing to be very fluid in South Dakota, we know that parents are concerned, and rightly so. Per Governor Noem's pre-emptive approach, schools across the state will be closed for sure thru March 27th to clean their facilities and to implement social distancing, which can help to slow the spread of the virus.

During this timeframe we will be providing flex learning options for ALL students in grade PreK-12th. Our elementary staff will be creating educational packets, which will be delivered by staff to your home each Monday before noon for that week. These packets will include instructions and other information that will continue the learning process. There will be opportunities for interaction between students and teachers as well. It is important that parents are encouraging their children to complete assignments and stay engaged in the learning process during this time. Completed packets will be picked up by Noon on Friday by White Lake School Staff. Students in Grades 7-12 will do more of a blended education utilizing technology. Staff will make initial contact through State email with plans/expectations. Again, it is imperative that students are working diligently at home. All assignments will be due no later than Friday of that week by noon. This is "uncharted" territory for us all! I'm certain there will be a few glitches along the way, but optimistic learning will continue to take place. Please don't hesitate to contact teachers or myself if any concerns arise!

If you have a child that receives Special Education Services, information will be sent out separately on how those needs can be met. We will be taking guidance from CORE Educational Cooperative.

All of us can play a role in preventing the spread of this virus by taking some simple steps, as recommended by the South Dakota Department of Health. Many of these steps are the same steps that you would take to prevent the flu, the common cold, and other respiratory illnesses.

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for about 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched frequently.
- Individuals at higher risk, such as older adults and people with chronic medical conditions, should take actions to reduce their risk of exposure.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the South Dakota Department of Health both have great resources to keep you informed. I would encourage you to visit their websites to get up-to-date reliable information.

- covid.sd.gov -- SD Department of Health's website
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> -- CDC's website
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html> -- CDC'S resources for homes

As new information for our school community is available, we will keep you informed via our usual communication methods, which include utilizing our phone calling tree, school webpage, and Facebook.

Sincerely,



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