



COVID-19 Update: March 19, 2020

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Lancaster School District

Hello Families and Community Members;

In these anxious and unprecedented times, I am very thankful that our district and community has so many caring and helpful individuals. As a precautionary safety measure to limit the potential exposure to COVID-19 for students and staff, it was necessary to close schools this week, March 16th - 20th. We will officially be on spring break the next two weeks, March 23rd - April 3rd and are currently providing free breakfast and lunch for all youth ages 1- 18 through April 3rd ([click here for more information.](#))

Please know that district administration is in daily communication with federal, state, county, and local officials and is closely monitoring the ever-changing situation. **At this moment**, based on guidance and current information from federal, state, and county authorities, students and staff will return on Monday, April 6, 2020.

However, in the event students are not allowed to return to school on April 6, we are exploring options and preparing to support our students and families for an extended duration. We have asked teachers and staff members to create lesson plans and to prepare materials and on-line learning opportunities for our students. Our goal is to ensure equitable access for all students to high quality, grade level appropriate curriculum, specialized support, and technology. We are also working to expand wifi access for families. To further support families during the spring break, we have placed a [Student Enrichment Resource](#) link on the district website with ideas and activities that families may use to keep children active and engaged.

Lancaster School District is working closely during this time to support and meet the health, safety, and educational needs of our students, families, and staff. We will provide you with regular updates as we get additional information or as the situation changes. We know that there will be things we cannot control or have not anticipated. Nonetheless, please be assured that we have highly competent and resourceful teams working to be as responsive as possible in these difficult times.

Finally, I encourage you to continue to be mindful of social distancing and good hygiene habits. This situation is new for all of us, however, **we are truly stronger together!** So let us embrace kindness, celebrate compassion, practice mindfulness, and lift up common humanity for our children and our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Bowers
Superintendent