

Public School Students, Parents, and Patrons,

There have been hours of dialogue, conversation and analysis surrounding the appropriate steps to take during this unprecedented time in our lives. Schools across the nation and state have all taken different approaches on how to mitigate the spread of the virus.

After extensive analysis of the facts and communication with numerous area school Superintendents, we are operating with similar objectives, but common planning dependent upon our individual school calendars. We feel it is in the best interest of our students, our families, and our school family to dismiss school on Monday and Tuesday to organize, prepare and refine staff preparations for what could be a long-term dismissal. We will then bring students back on Wednesday.

Our timeline moving forward:

March 16-17 - No School for Students - ALL STAFF REPORT - Preparations for Closing

**Note - Although we have a plan for extended learning, we have not had the time to practice and prepare. This would be staff development and preparation time for all staff.

March 18 - SCHOOL RESUMES

**Note - Students will come to school to be trained, readied and prepared for extended services.

**During this time period we will be consulting with our state and local Public Health Care Providers, determining next steps and communicating with parents and students on those steps.

March 21 or 22 - Announcement to parents the plan for the week of March 23-27.

Beatrice Public Schools will take a measured and logical, yet safe and preventative approach toward this epidemic.

We need your cooperation here's how:

1. **COOPERATE:** We are trying to accomplish two things: 1.Prepare staff to provide extended virtual services 2.Prepare students and families to continue the learning process for an uncertain amount of time.
2. **Disinfect** - Be actively engaged in disinfecting yourself and your surroundings. WASH YOUR HANDS.
3. **Social Distancing** - STAY AWAY FROM CROWDED AREAS 6-8 feet of space when around others.

We are in a unique time in our lifetime, we must remain confident and flexible as our district moves forward.

Our goals will be;

1. Be mindful of the safety of our students and our staff.
2. Preparation for short and long term planning.
3. Communication with parents and students to aid in the enrichment of the learning process.

Sincerely,

Jason Alexander
Superintendent Beatrice Public Schools