

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

After extensive discussions as well as continuously monitoring information from the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the coronavirus pandemic, Johnsburg School District has made the decision to close schools beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. All schools will remain closed through the end of the week as well as our scheduled spring break. Johnsburg Schools will reevaluate this very fluid situation toward the end of spring break and will notify our families whether we will reopen after spring break or remain closed. The District will also be doing an automated phone message this evening regarding the closure. Please note that there will be no access to the facilities during the closure and if you need assistance to please call ahead or send an email to your building offices. As everyone is already aware, this is a very fluid and constantly changing situation and we will do our best to keep you informed moving forward.

As a District we are taking the positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) within McHenry County extremely seriously. The health and safety of our students are our top priority, along with providing a safe environment. By closing our District, we will be taking the needed proactive and precautionary measures to minimize the possibility of a community spread. This districtwide closure will provide our custodial team the availability to perform and complete a widespread deep cleaning and disinfection of all District buildings as well as our school buses.

If you have not completed the survey that was sent out yesterday regarding technology and internet access availability within your household, please do so today. The results from the survey will allow our tech department to provide students the resources they need for e-Learning by borrowing District technology. The District will be creating an e-learning tab on our website for the convenience of our families. We will continue to provide more thorough information in the coming days regarding e-Learning.

Technology Accessibility Survey

Tentative D12 Scheduling:

- All D12 extra curricular activities will continue to be postponed until further notice.
- Monday, March 16th Tuesday, March 17th Non Attendance for students
- Wednesdays, March 18th Friday, March 20th e-Learning days
- Monday, March 23rd Friday, March 27th Spring Break and reassess the situation.

If your contact information has changed, please ensure that our offices are informed.

We are aware that many of our families depend on school lunches to provide healthy meals for needy students. If you will need continued meal service for your student(s) during our school closure please fill out the following form or contact the District Office so that we can make arrangements for you.

District 12 School Closure Lunch Survey

<u>Please continue to routinely wash your hands, cover sneezes and coughs and remind your child(ren)</u> <u>to practice proper hygiene techniques</u>. If you, a family member, and/or your child(ren), are experiencing respiratory and/or cold-like symptoms, we encourage you and/or your child(ren) to seek medical attention.

Thank you for your support, patience, and understanding as we work together as a community and District through this coronavirus pandemic. We will be in contact with our families and staff via email, our Districts automotive text/voice alerts, and/or our social media. Please continue to follow our social media and check your email for informational updates shared from Johnsburg School District.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dan Johnson Superintendent Johnsburg School District 12

Informational Links: McHenry County Department of Health - Coronavirus Illinois Department of Public Health - Coronavirus Center for Disease Control - Coronavirus Center for Disease Control - Fact Sheet Coronavirus Center for Disease Control - QA Coronavirus Center for Disease Control - Steps to Prevent Coronavirus Illinois State Board of Education - Coronavirus