

March 16, 2020

EBRPSS Families and Colleagues,

We appreciate your patience and support while the district works to implement adaptations to child nutrition, enrichment resources, and traditional business operations during this uncertain time. Our commitment to educate and protect students has not wavered.

We know that there are still many questions that need to be addressed. We are working with local partners and exploring all available options to ensure the greatest amount of needs can be met. In the coming days and weeks this situation is going to evolve. Please know that all information we release could be subject to change based on the evolution of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Student Information:**

Governor John Bel Edwards signed a [proclamation](#) that among other actions, closed schools effective March 16, 2020, to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The mandated closure asks for schools to reopen on April 13, 2020. That date coincides with our previously scheduled spring break. We are still evaluating options on whether or not spring break dates will need to be changed. We will have an update on this by the end of the week. Governor Edwards advocated for schools to continue to support students during this time and we are stepping up to meet that call to action.

**Educational Resources:**

- Although our district will not provide distance learning, we will provide online links to optional enrichment and educational resources for parents. These resources will span core content areas – ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies for students PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities will be made available [on our website](#) by Wednesday, March 18.
- Some of our schools may have already issued resources on Friday, March 13. Those items are also optional and students will not receive a grade.
- Individual schools will be working with their teams to address options for Dual Enrollment courses based on guidance received from our local colleges and universities.

**Medication:**

- EBRPSS is working with Health Centers in Schools to finalize a distribution schedule for parents/guardians/emergency contacts to retrieve student medication if needed. All details will be communicated on the district Facebook page and on our website Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Meal Pick-Up Locations:**

- To view our Child Nutrition meal pick-up locations please see our [press release](#). Additional locations can be accessed [here](#).

**Employee Information:**

- All 12-month employees not assigned to a school building are to begin working remotely and implementing rotation schedules for required on-site work functions. Please contact your direct supervisor for more information.
- Beginning Tuesday, March 17, school sites should be staffed by one 12-month employee to receive mail and deliveries, and preapproved contractors and vendors. (Feeding sites may also accept donations of new, packaged to-go boxes and unused plastic bags.
- All school sites and the central office building should be staffed from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Who to Call:**

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the Coronavirus, please contact the following:

COVID-19 General Information hotline:

- 1-855-523-2652
- 211
- If you have an EBRPSS related question, please contact us through email – [Hotline@ebschools.org](mailto:Hotline@ebschools.org).
- ICARE will provide support to parents and employees through this difficult time. We will be able to address concerns at [icare@ebschools.org](mailto:icare@ebschools.org). We will reply within 24 hours with resources for support.

We promise to share new information and updates with you through our dedicated web page, <https://ebschools.org/news/health-update-coronavirus/> and on social media.

Sincerely,

Warren Drake