



NORRIS
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Dear Norris Parents:

Out of an abundance of caution and despite having no confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Kern County, the Kern County Director of Public Health Services, Matthew Constantine, and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary C. Barlow, have recommended the temporary closure of the county's schools as we all work together to combat the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Norris Board of Trustees approved to temporarily close schools in the Norris School District at the end of day on Tuesday, March 17 and plan to reopen no earlier than Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Over the previous month, our district staff has intentionally planned and made careful choices to prepare to close our schools to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. I am confident our district is well prepared to protect the safety of students moving forward and that we will be prepared to deliver the essential services to our children and families identified in the Governor's Executive Order. A distance learning packet and textbooks will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, March 17th. If your child is absent, a link to the packet will be available on the district's website and you may contact your child's school to pick up textbooks.

The Norris School District staff understands that our students and families need us now. In the coming week, you will be receiving additional information from my office and your school principal that will provide greater clarity on education and student/family support services that will be made available to your student and family. A survey will be coming home in regards to wifi-access and computer availability. Please complete and return on Tuesday, March 17th. If your child is not in attendance, please go to our website to complete the survey. For those families on the free and/or reduced lunch program, please check your email for a survey.

Please know the staff of the Norris School District is united in the goal of continuing to provide needed, quality services for our students and their families. We understand your concern and the love you have for your children. A silver lining in the COVID-19 health crisis is that we all have gained an even greater appreciation for the importance of protecting our children, family and those who are closest to us.

I look forward to working with you in service to our children.

Sincerely,

Kelly Miller
Superintendent
Norris School District