



PAWHUSKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Pawhuska students and parents:

Today, we learned that Oklahoma students will not return to the classroom for the remainder of the current school year, following a vote by the state Board of Education. Instead, districts, including Pawhuska, will implement continuous learning plans that will allow students to complete the school year at home. State education and health officials believe this move will help our state fight the spread of COVID-19.

We are sharing this information with you now so you can prepare accordingly for your family. We understand this change is in the best interest of everyone's health, which is our greatest priority as a district. The state board's vote also means that all extracurricular activities and special events will be canceled or postponed as well. Making these difficult decisions, we believe, is simply the right thing to do for our students, our staff and our community.

We do have good news: Pawhuska is developing a plan to ensure your child will continue to have opportunities to learn and to grow academically, especially with parental support. Because we are unable to safely gather together, these lessons and activities will primarily be delivered and communicated via email. As you can imagine, this is a significant transition for our students and our teachers. Pawhuska will spend the next 7-10 days planning for this effort and will share details with your family as soon as they are available.

For our seniors and their parents, we know it is an especially difficult time. We will do everything possible to ensure their efforts are recognized and celebrated in special and unique ways. This is an unfair situation, but please reassure them that it does not

diminish their achievements. In fact, it will become one more example of how they demonstrated their strength as a Huskie!

We will continue free breakfasts and lunches for students under the age of 18 until mid June.

This is an unprecedented situation, and it has required an unprecedented response. We can still take care of Pawhuska's students, though. This is a community that sticks together in challenging times, and we know this experience will be no different. As soon as we identify our next steps, we will share them with you.

Please stay safe. As always, we appreciate your support of Pawhuska Schools.

Sincerely,

David Cash
Superintendent