

March 16, 2020

Seth Woodard Families,

First of all, thank you for your patience as we navigate the many aspects of our school closure. The entire staff at Seth Woodard along with district office administration want to convey how important our students and families are to us and we understand the tremendous impact that closing schools has on everyone in our school system.

We were looking forward to having the opportunity to connect with your student one last time before the closure went into effect on Tuesday but unfortunately, our district was asked to also close today (Monday, March 16th) due to a visitor in our district that tested positive for the Coronavirus. All school buildings will be closed for cleaning Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th and most staff will not be allowed in the buildings during this time. Our number one focus is on the health and safety of our students and staff.

Please understand that we do not have all the answers at this time but are working hard to figure out the next steps. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

What you can expect for your students during this closure:

- We will have a learning plan in place for students by Tuesday, March 24th as our Leadership Team has already begun working on a plan but the details have yet to be finalized. We will communicate our current plan with you by the end of this week.
- Certificated staff will not provide direct instruction or grade student work. Student grades will not be negatively impacted if they do not participate in at home learning activities.
- We ask that you please pick up medication(s) on Thursday, March 19th or Friday, March 20th so students will have their necessary medicine while at home. Our office will be open from 7:30 AM to 3 PM on those days. If you absolutely need medication before then, please call the main building phone number 509-921-2160 or the district office at 509-924-2150.
- We are also working on a plan for students to have access to their personal items (desks, lockers and PE lockers) next week and will share that information later this week as well.
- We know that there are many unknowns with regard to spring activities. And plans for these important activities will be communicated at a later time as we get direction from local and state agencies.
- Remember to continue to watch our district website for up-to-date information: www.wvvd.org

Again, we will keep you updated as we work through this together. We will continue to focus on the work ahead and communicate a plan for the next six weeks to ensure your student is ready to come back to school. We will plan to update our families weekly. If you have questions, please call the building phone number 509-921-2160. If your family has other needs, please call the district Parent & Family Engagement phone line at 509-340-7235.

Sincerely,
Mike Lollar, Principal