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Dear Lincoln County School Family,

As we endure this Coronavirus pandemic, we plead with you individually and collectively to exercise a sense of calm and common sense. As was stated previously, in full compliance with the fifth point of Governor Tate Reeves' Executive Order #1458, the Lincoln County School District is committed foremost to cooperate fully in actions and measures taken in response to COVID-19 during this state of emergency, stressing isolation and social distancing. Eventually, normalcy will return to our district.

As a district, we want to stress to all our parents and students that we will provide instructional tools and/or strategies to ensure that all students are able to maintain necessary skills as we go through this unusual time. Teachers will be sending resources that you can use to work with your children during this extended time away from school. Learning occurs in many ways. We encourage you to use this time to continue the learning process through alternative means. These resources and/or instructional materials will consist of focus skills that are essential to success to the grade level/subject. Working through these materials will help to provide necessary reinforcement and remediation for your child as well as enrichment. A list of reputable, research-based, academic websites will also be provided by your child's teacher(s).

Teachers will communicate with you through School Status. This system not only allows teachers to send messages and attachments directly to you but also allows you to respond directly to the teacher sending the message. Initial contacts with individual students will be made by teachers on or before, Thursday, March 26.

Between the hours of 8:00 - 12:00 on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 - 24, if desired, please contact your individual school concerning our child nutrition program. During that conversation, please designate a "grab and go option" or delivery. Also, provide the name of students in your home and the address to which the meals will be delivered. Identifying the name of the regular route driver and bus number may be beneficial. Beginning Thursday, March 26, from 10:30 - 12:30, at all four county schools, then continuing every Monday-Wednesday-Friday until we return to school, meals will be provided. These lunches will be distributed at no cost regardless of free/reduced/full paid


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status for pre-schoolers through age 18. For “grab and go” students, the children must be present in the vehicle to receive the bag lunch. If it is more convenient, Lincoln County students may participate in this state of emergency nutrition program at Mullins or Lipsey Schools in the Brookhaven School District and vice versa. Please note that congregate meals are not permissible at any of these sites.

Another important directive thwarting the spread of the Coronavirus is to allow only essential personnel, necessary for the core functions of district operations, to report to work. With that being said, to follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) restrictions, no students will be permitted to enter buildings or athletic facilities on campus until this school closure mandate is lifted. Next week, school nurses will be contacting applicable families regarding returning medications kept at school. Parents/guardians will be required to claim these prescriptions from the school nurse only at designated times.

Please understand that at this time for administrative leaders and parents alike there are many unanswered questions. The MDE has granted waivers for all standardized assessments and accountability ratings, pending approval from the United States Department of Education. Clarification regarding concerns related to graduation, credits earned, end-of-course re-testers, etc. will be addressed at a special called meeting of the State Board of Education scheduled for March 26, 2020. We will submit updates at that time via various media outlets. We are optimistic that this governing body will act in a manner of graciousness. In the meantime, protect yourself and those entrusted into your care.

Respectfully submitted,


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