

Kiski Area School District

Learning has no boundaries: Every child, every classroom, every day.

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Dear Kiski Area Parents and Guardians,

First, I want all of you to know that I share your concern for the events that are gripping the nation and the world. The spread of the infectious virus, COVID-19, is as rapid as the measures that are being implemented to slow it. Less than two weeks ago we were distributing our first guidance on how to protect oneself from becoming contaminated, and today our schools are closed for at least the next two weeks in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

So, where does this leave us? As I proceed, please keep in mind that this discussion is very fluid and can change daily (and even hourly). We simply do not know what the conditions are going to be regarding the spread of COVID-19 moving forward. At Kiski Area and around Westmoreland County, there are currently no plans for formal instruction during the next two weeks. If we receive further information from PDE indicating that schools are to be closed longer term, we must prepare to provide continuity of education for all students, whether that be through online instruction, paper and pencil, or a hybrid of both. Also, as we wait for further clarification from PDE, we need to be prepared to have the school year possibly extend past the last scheduled day of June 5.

Meals will be provided to district students daily beginning tomorrow, March 17, at East Primary from 11:00 to 1:00. This will be a grab-and-go program where kids will receive both lunch and the next day's breakfast.

I want to thank you for your continued understanding and patience during this unprecedented time. I empathize with you as you navigate the seemingly moment to moment challenges that this school closure creates for you and your family. Our community has always risen to the occasion of pulling together during difficult times of uncertainty. As we press forward, please continue to check your email and district website as we will disseminate information as it becomes available. If you have specific questions, please contact your child's building principal.

As always, the health and safety of students and staff are paramount.

Respectfully,



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