March 29, 2020

In the world of education, we are always working toward getting our students to be independent and creative thinkers. Adults can and should lead by example in our current situation. We have never experienced anything like this, but together we can get through and come out stronger and more prepared to take on unexpected situations.

Fear is exponentially worse if we don’t know what to expect. Since this is a novel situation, the future is unclear. What we do know is that there are steps we can take to protect ourselves and our families.

- We know that COVID-19 is different from the flu because it hangs around for a longer period of time, especially on some surfaces. That is why it is imperative to wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- Practicing social distancing is an easy and proven way to eradicate the spread of the virus. Staying home if possible is also really important so that we can eradicate this thing and get back to life.

We appreciate and depend on ALL healthcare workers. They are working really hard and helping many people. They must face the unknown every day. They are seeing the worst of the way the disease impacts people. They are scared and overwhelmed. We are lucky to have them willing to go to work every day.

We have many food service, custodial, and maintenance staff working every day to ensure over 3000 daily meals are prepared and distributed. This has been extremely challenging, and we have had to change the plan/schedule multiple times. Food delivery from our suppliers is an issue, and we have to plan around that. Last week Friday we believed that we could prep and deliver food for all 7 days. After receiving word that some of the food we ordered was not available, we had to rethink the plans.

Beginning Tuesday, March 31st we will begin the following plan:

- The week of March 30, we will distribute meals on **Tuesday 3/31/20 & Thursday 4/2/20 from 10:30-11:30am**.
- The week of April 6, we will distribute meals on **Tuesday 4/7/20 & Thursday 4/9/20 from 10:30-11:30am**.
- The sites will still be Center Line High School, Peck, Roose, Crothers, with a pick-up at Transportation and Maintenance and parking lot by Rising Stars Academy (previously Miller Elementary).

All of our teachers and staff who support our students and teachers have been completing a class to learn about using Google education tools including Google Classroom.

After our spring break, we will begin connecting with our students through a combination of Google Classroom, Schoology, and enrichment materials. We are brainstorming possible ways to get computers and WiFi for every student in need. This will take time as working in the virtual environment is very different than instructing in a classroom, but we are working hard to learn how to do so effectively. Our teachers know our students, their strengths, and what they need to work on. Our staff wants to continue to teach and care for all of our kids. We are working really hard to do so during these crazy times.

We love our students and our community. We are really trying to get prepared to provide instruction directly to our students and will keep forging ahead. Governor Whitmer has said that she is not sure if school will resume this school year. As we wait for people to make decisions, we have dedicated ourselves to preparing for instruction in any way possible so that we can serve our students.

Stay tuned. We miss you!

Sincerely,

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Eve Kaltz
Superintendent

The mission of Center Line Public Schools is to provide all students relevant and challenging learning experiences to inspire success and empower them to be the leaders of tomorrow.