

March 23, 2020



TO: Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Community Members

Governor Ralph Northam issued an order at 2:00 p.m. today for ALL Virginia schools to be closed for the remainder of the school year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. There are many questions that remain unanswered by the Virginia Department of Education; however, Dr. James Lane, Virginia Superintendent of Education, announced that information related to Public School programs including graduation, special education, high school credits, continuity of learning, etc. are aggressively be discussed and updates will be available within the next 24 hours. The formats for moving forward during the months to follow are being developed also by our local administrative team.

Last Tuesday our instructional staff provided online materials and instructional packets to our students. Staff also have interacted by telephone and email with our students and parents/guardians. This was a new avenue for our teachers to provide activities and resources to our families. The response from our families was tremendous! We appreciate your continued patience and support as we move through this experience together. Our goal is to relay updated information through our School Messenger system by the afternoon of Friday, March 27.

The Central Office located at 340 E. Walnut Street will continue to assist individuals Monday-Friday with limited access into the Central Office. Individuals should call:
965-1400 and speak to a staff member or leave a message.

A staff member will contact you by phone or e-mail.

Please refer to our school website for information on meals distribution. We are still providing free meals to anyone age 18 and under at our three sites from 11:15 - 12:15 Monday - Friday.

Melinda Snead-Johnson
Division Superintendent