

Austintown Local School District
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Dear Austintown Families:

Yesterday, county superintendents met with the Mahoning County Health Department to gather more information on the Coronavirus which now has officially turned into a pandemic. It was disappointing because basically we were told nothing new and to stay the course; Wash hands. Protect the sneeze and cough in your arm. Avoid populated places, etc..

Since yesterday a lot has happened. Cases are hitting close to home now, The NBA has postponed the season and the state of Ohio is playing games and having wrestling matches in front of family only in the stands.

We have cancelled trips and gatherings due to the recommendation that we have been given. It was a terrible decision to have to make yesterday but for the safety of everyone it had to be done. Last night Washington DC called a State of Emergency and are about to close tours down. The bus trip to Chicago was equally as difficult. Just two days earlier, the parade in Chicago was cancelled due to the coronavirus. Part of the governor's recommendation was to eliminate unnecessary travel. One of my biggest worries was what if the governor shut down travel from out of state? Our kids are stuck in Chicago? For how long? I sure didn't want that scenario.

Where do we go from here?

Yesterday, our administrative team met and discussed the possibility of shutting down face to face instruction. What does that look like? What are we able to do to continue education? What hurdles do we face? We had a great discussion and we feel very comfortable that we are ready IF we need to move in that direction.

Principals identified that most staff in grades 3-12 currently have Google Classroom along with other online choices to continue education outside of school. We are getting those plans solidified now.

In grades K-2, the principal team identified i-Ready and Raz Kids as ways to continue education outside of school. In addition they are having staff prepare to create packets that could be scanned and emailed to students as well as be picked up in person at the Board of Education. Students will be shown how to access email at school today.

Breakfast and Lunch:

Students will be able to continue to use the school for breakfast and lunch with possible distribution sites being two Austintown fire stations, The Early Learning Center and AES. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you for understanding during this very difficult time. We are in uncharted waters.

Sincerely,

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