



March 14, 2020

QCISD Families:

The Cass County & Morris County superintendents met this morning to discuss and review all the information that has been made available to us by the CDC, DSHS, and TEA and to discuss the many challenges we face in regard to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We will continue to communicate and share information so that we can make the best decisions for the students of our counties and individual communities.

Out of an abundance of caution and to give our staff time to plan for the many unknowns ahead of us, we have made the decision to close all the Cass County and Morris County schools for the week of Monday, March 16-Friday, March 20, 2020.

During this time, our staff will work to develop plans should we be ordered by state authorities to close for an extended period.

We have been advised by the state that should there be extended closures, we need to have a plan to offer instructional services to our students. Please understand that this is a complex matter in our rural area, as many students do not have readily available technology and internet access.

We also must plan for how to offer meals to students, should we have extended closures.

At this time, the state has not offered us much leniency regarding the mandatory 75,600 minutes we are required to be in school during a school year. So, it is a **possibility** that we will have to add days (or extended school days) to our calendar to meet the mandatory 75,600 minutes once all available minutes reflected on this year's calendar have been used. Decisions will be made and more information about this topic will be publicized as we are given more guidance by the state.

Unfortunately at this time, we all have more questions than answers. We are in an unprecedented situation for our state, our counties, and our district. The situation is changing very rapidly and will continue to do so for some time.

What we can tell you is that our administrative team and our board is committed to the education, safety, and health of our students and our community. We will work tirelessly to make the best decisions and plans for our families and students.



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The most important thing we can do is remain calm and clear headed and stick to factual information provided to us by the CDC, DSHS, and TEA.

We will release more information in due course as plans are made and finalized. Please be patient; we are working diligently.

All QCISD staff, we will report to work on Monday, March 16, 2020. Please be at the MUMS cafeteria and seated at 7:30 AM. You will be given more information at that time.

Please be safe, practice good hygiene, and watch the Queen City ISD website and the district Facebook page for more information and updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlotte Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlotte Williams, Superintendent