



# Sweet Springs R-VII Schools

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Sweet Springs Staff, Students, Parents, and Community:

## **SWEET SPRINGS R-7 SCHOOLS TO CLOSE THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

This decision is not made lightly, a variety of details and options have been considered as well as consultation with surrounding schools, I-70 Conference Schools, health departments and guidance from the CDC. Teachers are working to provide more detailed grade level and content specific lessons that can be completed at home and should be in contact with students/families within the next week.

As recommended by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and to protect the safety of the entire community, all school activities, including athletics and extracurricular practices and competitions, will be canceled during this time. Any outside organizations will not be permitted to use district facilities until further notice. The district will continue to collaborate with local public health and government officials to determine whether or not to extend the cancelation beyond the current extension.

Your administrative team has been meeting daily to begin the process of securing and organizing any information you may need through the next two and a half weeks. Our teacher leaders have put together a list of educational resources for parents to provide learning experiences for students of all ages and a variety of subject areas. An education resource guide will be posted before the end of this week. We hope this helps parents navigate activities for at home learning.

Third quarter grade cards will be sent home Friday, March 20th, as planned via email or mail. Please look for communication from your child's teacher(s) regarding suggested learning activities to assist with continued learning and student growth. Weblinks or copies of the activities will also be made available on the district's facebook page before the end of this week. In addition, teachers plan to continue the familiar lines of communication via email, Remind 101, class dojo, google classroom, etc. Hard copies of suggested learning materials, supplies, buddy packs, and band instruments can be made available for pick up **only** on Friday, March 20th from 1 p.m - 7 p.m. Please follow the normal car rider pick-up routine to go to the appropriate building. Please remain in your vehicle and school personnel will deliver items to your vehicle. In an effort to make this process as smooth as possible, parents are requested to call the appropriate grade level building office on March 18-19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to request specific items from the list mentioned. The numbers are as follows: Elementary 660-335-6348; Junior High/High School 660-335-6341. At this time, staff are the only individuals permitted to be in the building.

Our entire staff is dedicated toward making this extended delay as smooth as possible. Thank you for your patience and your understanding as there is no precedent to these decisions. Please know the health of not only our students, but our staff, and the entire Sweet Springs community are being considered.

Respectfully,

Lori Price, Superintendent  
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