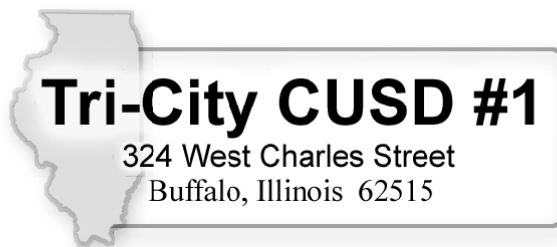




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Dear Parent(s) and Legal Guardian(s):

I hope that this communication finds you and your family doing well. All of our lives have been altered and the "normal" day has taken on a very new meaning. **The Governor just announced that he will suspend onsite learning until April 30** in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Our students have now started "remote learning". I want to clarify that remote learning is a way for T-C students to continue learning during a difficult situation that none of us could foresee. Per Illinois State Board of Education, remote learning days will not extend the school year, but actually count as instructional days on the school calendar.

In preparation for **remote learning**, we have developed a plan on how to best support instruction and student learning through a variety of methods. The principals and teachers have worked to ensure that all students either have online access or printed materials. Our remote learning plan can be found on the district web page. Our teachers and administrators have worked very hard to get remote learning underway. By no means do I think we have it perfected, so I ask that parents communicate challenges to teachers and/or administration so we can problem solve as a team. Please remember that **teacher office hours virtually, e-mail, or by phone are from 9 am to noon**. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our principals at:

Kara Cummins – kcummins@tricityschools.org or Christy Kindel – kindel@tricityschools.org

It is our continued commitment that we make sure our students are receiving adequate nutrition. It is open to all students. The food service process will remain the same for grab and go breakfast and lunch:

Monday – Pick Up for Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Wednesday – Pick up for Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Friday – Pick up for Friday from 8:30 am to 10:00 am

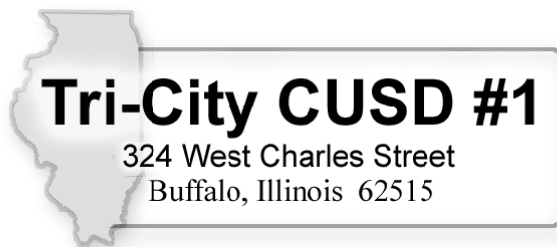
Location: Front parking lot right down the main sidewalk by the flag pole. We asked that you do not get out of your car. We will come out to your car.

Since it is impossible to figure out how much to prep, please take time to e-mail TCAssistance@tricityschools.org. We just need the number and full name of T-C students that will need grab and go meals for state reporting purposes.

Our community is incredible! Local churches continue to brainstorm how to assist the school community. They have set up a **micro pantry at the Buffalo Firehouse**. They are utilizing rubbermaid tubs until a cabinet can be secured. The **local food pantry is housed at the Mechanicsburg Christian Church, 305 S. Church Street**. Their hours are **Wednesday's from 10 am to noon**.



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I am happy to announce that Memorial Behavioral Health has instituted the **Memorial Emotional Support Line for children, teens, and adults** that is staffed with licensed behavioral health providers. The line is accepting calls 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week. The phone number is (217) 588-5509.

As always, thank you for your patience and support as we all work through the COVID-19 Pandemic. Take care of your families and remember to heed the precautions that our health care professionals and local and state governments have put in place. As events unfold, I will continue to communicate.

Educationally yours,

Jill Larson, Superintendent