

BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

"A Quality Education for All Students"

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Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons,

COVID 19 has changed how the business of Education is conducted at Bertrand Community School. Our facility has been closed since March 17th. The current recommendation from the Commissioner of Education is for "schools NOT to return to normal operations this school year." The Governor and Health officials are supportive of this recommendation. At this time, Bertrand Community School facilities will be closed "indefinitely." As per the NSAA edict, all activities are suspended through May 1st. This "indefinite" closure of facilities will be reviewed/re-evaluated AFTER April 15th. If there is not a statement from the Governor or Commissioner which indicates they recommend/direct re-opening, our facility will remain indefinitely closed. Please understand, our facility may be closed but the school year is not over and education is still taking place!

We understand that learning must continue to progress and will look different than ALL of us are accustomed to seeing. Our teachers are currently providing enrichment and review by using electronic methodology. This review and enrichment "only" will be very soon changing to a "continuity of learning plan." We will be providing details of this plan very soon. This plan will include moving from enrichment/review to education and instruction of new material. The staff will be informed that new material may begin being taught beginning March 30th.

This COVID 19 situation is developing and changing rapidly, and conditions are changing daily, hourly, and sometimes by the minute. Please be assured that school administrators are closely monitoring official state and national guidelines from the Nebraska Department of Education, the Governor's Office, State Health Officials, and the Center for Disease Control. We will continue to monitor this COVID 19 situation and treating safety as our main priority.

As I stated earlier, all school activities are cancelled during our indefinite closure time-frame. The Governor's recommendation of allowing a maximum of 10 people in a room is being followed. We look forward to being given the "all clear" from State Officials.

Respectfully,

Dr. Dennis C. Shipp
Superintendent
Bertrand Community School