

Prairie Heights Community School Corporation

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Dear Prairie Heights Families:

Yesterday we received news that all schools in the state of Indiana will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. This certainly is unprecedented and sobering news for all of us. The Department of Education has determined that students must receive 160 days of instruction or receive twenty remote learning days starting after April 2. I am sending this correspondence to let you know that Prairie Heights Community School Corporation will be implementing twenty remote learning days beginning Tuesday, April 14.

E-learning and remote learning is something that our district has not implemented in the past and that has been intentional. The Prairie Heights school board, administration, and staff believe that the best instruction occurs in the classroom with our outstanding teachers. However, with this unprecedented circumstance, we will do our very best to meet the current state mandates and provide the best education possible through remote learning. Our teachers will be in next week diligently preparing relevant instructional materials for your children. We ask that you help us with this task by making sure they are completing their work in a timely manner. Teachers will be available to answer questions through their school provided e-mail addresses and will also accept phone numbers in an email if a phone call is preferred. We ask for your patience as staff will respond in a timely manner.

Our remote learning days will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the months of April and May to meet the twenty day state mandated guidelines. Our first date of instruction will begin on Tuesday, April 14 and will continue on the following dates: April 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28. We are currently determining how many students will be able to access the information electronically and how many will need paper packets. Once we have this information finalized, we will post our plans on social media and also through School Messenger as to how the materials will be distributed and collected.

High school graduation requirements for our current seniors and credit information for our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be made available within the next week by Mr. Swander through School Messenger and the high school FaceBook page.

If you have questions, the best way to contact your building principal is through email. They will also be checking their voicemail periodically.

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In closing, I acknowledge there are families in our community that are facing many struggles as this pandemic continues to cause physical, social/emotional, and economic hardships. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our school community as we will try our best to help. You will also find contact information for the Bowen Center listed on our school website. As Governor Holcomb continues to stress that we have not yet hit the peak of this pandemic, our number one priority is to continue to support the health and safety of our Prairie Heights Community. I want to again thank our community for supporting our teachers and our children through this on-going process. I ask our students to please do their part in staying safe and healthy as I look forward to seeing all of them ready to start back in August 2020!

Respectfully,

Jeff Reed

Superintendent