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Dear Blair Oaks Students, Parents, Faculty, and Staff:

This correspondence is intended to update Blair Oaks students, parents, faculty, and staff on the District's information regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) as of 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 26. To continue to help ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff, and to do our part in trying to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 throughout the area, state, and country, the Blair Oaks R-II School District will be extending the school closure.

The Blair Oaks R-II School District will be extending the current school closure through Friday, April 10. School is now scheduled to resume on Monday, April 13. All school activities, including athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, will be suspended during this time. This closure that began on Wednesday, March 18 will be extended one additional week at this time.

The schools of Cole County (public, parochial, and private) are working together alongside the Cole County Health Department to continually reevaluate the length of the extended school closure. Most, if not all, the schools in Cole County are extending the current school closure through Friday, April 10. School is scheduled to resume on Monday, April 13. Conditions will be evaluated periodically with local health officials during the closure to determine if the end would need to be extended.

The Blair Oaks R-II School District will continue to put into place instructional processes that will offer the best learning experiences possible to our students during this unprecedented time.

We will continue to remain in consistent contact with local health agencies and keep parents updated with new information as it becomes available. We thank our community for their support in this effort.

Sincerely,

James K. Jones, Ed.D.