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Updated Closure Plan 4-6-20

Dear Eastern Greene Families,

As you know, Governor Holcomb has closed all Indiana Schools for the remainder of this academic year. Schools have been asked to continue educating our students to the best of our abilities. That is exactly what we will do. The Governor also maintained his initial executive order, giving schools twenty waiver days to be used at the discretion of local school districts. The administration team of Eastern Greene feels it is in the best interest of our students and families to use all the waiver days we are given. We realize that "home learning" is not easy, nor is it always the best mode of learning for all students. However, what we have seen in the past few weeks is truly spectacular. Our teachers pulled together very quickly to provide lessons for students. Our food service staff went above and beyond to provide meals for entire weeks. Our bus drivers are providing meal deliveries. Families have worked together to complete traditional and online lessons. I could not be more proud of the Eastern Greene community!

Here is a look at our updated calendar. Note that the last day of school is now May 7.

| Monday | <u>Tuesday</u> | Wednesday | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
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| March 23 | March 24 | March 25 | March 26 | March 27 |
| Home Learning | Home Learning | Home Learning | Home Learning | Home Learning |
| March 30 Home Learning | March 31 Home Learning | April 1 Home Learning | April 2 Home Learning | April 3 Home Learning |
| April 6 | April 7 Home Learning | April 8 | April 9 | April 10 |
| Waiver Day | | Home Learning | Home Learning | Waiver Day |
| April 13 | April 14 Home Learning | April 15 | April 16 | April 17 |
| Waiver Day | | Home Learning | Home Learning | Waiver Day |
| <u>April 20</u> Waiver Day | April 21 Home Learning | April 22 Home Learning | April 23 Home Learning | April 24 Waiver Day |
| April 27 | April 28 | April 29 | April 30 | May 1 |
| Waiver Day | Home Learning | Home Learning | Home Learning | Waiver Day |
| <u>May 4</u> Waiver Day | May 5 Home Learning | <u>May 6</u> Home Learning | May 7 Home Learning Last day of School | <u>May 8</u> Waiver Day |
| May 11 | <u>May 12</u> | May 13 | May 14 | May 15 |
| Waiver Day | Waiver Day | Waiver Day | Waiver Day | Waiver Day |
| May 18 | May 19 | May 20 | May 21 | May 22 |
| Waiver Day | Waiver Day | Waiver Day | Waiver Day | Waiver Day |

High School Students that are taking dual credit classes need to follow the guidelines of their teachers. They must meet the criteria given by the university providing dual credit. If there are still topics to cover after May 7, these students may have some work to do past the final day of school.

Once it is safe to have people in our buildings, we will work with families to get students' lockers cleaned out of any personal items.

The IHSAA has officially cancelled the spring sports seasons. Campus athletic facilities are still closed and there should not be any organized activities led by coaches.

We are still waiting on guidance from the state concerning summer programs such as summer school, and our Early Learning Center summer camp. We may not know anything about these programs until sometime in May.

The elementary and middle school will not be requiring paper packets to be returned to the school. There are some classes at the high school that need to pick up packets to check for mastery of skills. We felt it was best to have as few packets as possible returned, considering how easily this virus spreads. However, we do not want you to think that we were simply sending home busy work. We hope your students are completing these lessons and getting some valuable skills from them. I believe teachers are going to do their best to have parents communicate with them on completion of these packets. These packets will then be taken for a completion grade. At the elementary and middle school level, the 4th nine weeks will be graded on a pass/fail basis. It would be too hard to assign traditional grades based off of completion of packets that teachers will not have access to. The high school cannot assign pass/fail grades. In order to earn high school credit, students must be assigned a traditional letter grade. High school teachers will be working hard to best assess their students through traditional packets and online opportunities.

The state has also issued it's guidelines on credits for graduation. As long as a Senior student was on track to graduate, and enrolled in the classes they needed during the second semester, they will get credit for those courses and will be able to graduate. That does not mean that they can stop their home learning simply because they are going to get credit. If they do that, their grade will suffer and it could affect their GPA.

We do not have any answers concerning graduation ceremonies and prom at this time. To be perfectly honest, graduation is the more important event and we will concentrate more of our effort on that ceremony. We will have to abide by state mandates of social distancing in order to have graduation ceremonies. Once we have more information from the state concerning the safety of social gatherings, we will formulate a plan for graduation. I want to do everything in our power to provide some type of ceremony for our Seniors and their families. It breaks my heart that our Seniors have to end their high school experience in this way. My thoughts and prayers are with you!

I know this document may not answer every question you have. We will continue to disseminate information as it gets passed to us from the state. Everyone take care, and stay healthy, during these most unusual times. We will get through this.

Sincerely,

Trent Provo

Trent Provo Superintendent Eastern Greene Schools