



Sunday, March 22, 2020

GRPS Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff,

After consultation with COVID-19 Unified Command, it has been determined that all 21 schools in the Nebraska Panhandle will be closed through Friday, May 1st, with the possibility of schools being closed for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. This decision will be re-evaluated as circumstances change, with parents and families updated accordingly. School closure may be extended as needed. This is a precautionary public health measure; there are currently no confirmed cases in the Panhandle; however, local health and school officials are monitoring the COVID-19 situation in Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota closely. School Superintendents met with Unified Command and determined this action would help prevent exposure to our area to flatten the curve and decrease the spread of disease.

GRPS will continue to provide meals for students during the closure. Pick up sites are Gordon Elementary in Gordon, and Gordon-Rushville Middle School in Rushville, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Monday-Friday. Anyone in our communities ages 1-18 is eligible for meals.

Principals and teachers will be meeting this week to develop our Extended Campus Learning plan. As this continues to be a new process for all district staff, students and parents, we ask for your continued patience and understanding. Principals and teachers will be reaching out to students once a plan is in place.

GRPS Schools staff will be making phone contact with each family from our district a minimum of once per week throughout the shutdown to monitor learning needs of students, answer questions, and connect our families with necessary resources both from the school and the community.

As more information becomes available it will be shared via our social media accounts, website and email.

Sincerely,
Lori Liggett, Superintendent