



McIntosh County Schools

Dr. James Pulos
Superintendent

March 16, 2020

Subject: Emergency School Closure

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The McIntosh County Board of Education met in a special called meeting this morning to review information regarding the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and how it could potentially impact this community. Although there are no confirmed cases in the Coastal Health Region at this time, testing availability is increasing and may result in a change to our current situation. As a preventative measure to stop the spread of the virus throughout the state, government officials have highly recommended the closure of schools and to implement the practice of social distancing.

Having received and discussed the current information this morning, the school board made a huge decision that will impact every student and this community by agreeing to the guidance from our government officials to close our schools. Here is a summary of important information related to this closure:

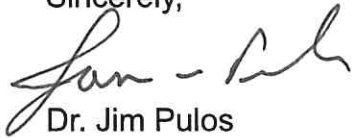
- All schools will close effective tomorrow, March 17, 2020, and are expected to resume on Monday, April 13, 2020.
- All schools will implement a home study instructional program for this same duration.
- All school-sponsored practices and gatherings of any type are cancelled until further notice. Students will need to maintain their studies during this period as provided for by their teachers and administration.
- Meals will be available for students starting Monday, March 23, 2020. The locations, days, and times of availability will be announced separately. Please know that a student summary page must be presented from the Parent Portal accessible on the school's website in order to pick up the meals. Parents/guardians will need to enroll in the parent portal in order to print the summary page. Parents/guardians can contact the school for assistance.
- Parents are encouraged to pick up their child's medication from the school nurse, if applicable. Please coordinate the pick up with the school nurse in advance.

We realize this causes a burden upon families to coordinate for proper supervision of their children during this shut down, but the measures taken are imperative to slow the spread of the virus. We pray that this pandemic ends quickly before it hits our community and that we have no further illness nor loss of life from this devastating virus.

We ask parents/guardians to take this time to read to/with your child every single day. Middle and high school students require reading as well because the skill of reading requires daily practice. Please take advantage of this time to read.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Pulos", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jim Pulos
Superintendent of Schools
McIntosh County