

Dear Ada Cougar family:

Following a vote by the Oklahoma State Board of Education on March 25th, we learned that Oklahoma students will not return to the classroom for the remainder of the current school year. Instead, districts, including the Ada City School District, will implement continuous learning plans that will allow students to complete the school year at home. State education and health officials believe this move will help our state fight the spread of COVID-19.

We will continue to share information with you so you and your family can prepare accordingly. We understand this change is in the best interest of everyone's health, which is our greatest priority as a district. The state board's vote also means that all extracurricular activities and special events are canceled for the remainder of the school year. Making these difficult decisions, we believe, is simply the right thing to do for our students, our staff, and our community.

We do have good news: The Ada City School District has developed a plan to ensure that your child will continue to have opportunities to learn and to grow academically, especially with parental support. Because we are unable to safely gather together, these lessons and activities will primarily be delivered and communicated through our website, email, and hard copy lesson packets. As you can imagine, this is a significant transition for our students and our teachers. The Ada City School District has spent many hours and days planning for this effort. Our teachers, principals and administrative staff have worked extremely hard to be prepared for this event. Our teachers prepared weeks worth of lessons prior to spring break. And, over the past several days, District administrators and teachers have worked around the clock to complete *Finish Strong, Ada City Schools Continuous Learning Plan*.. We will launch our continuous learning plan on Monday, April 6th. The plan is accompanied by three distinct Parent/Student Guides that contain important information relating to expectations, grading, accessing learning materials and returning completed work. The guides contain specific information for our students and parents at every grade level.

Everyone is disappointed that these very extreme measures have had to be put in place. But, it must be said that our students, their families, our faculty and staff, and our community's health and safety must be our biggest priority.

This is as heartbreaking and unfair to students as anything I have ever seen, but I want each of them to know that this will in no way take away from what they have accomplished, nor prevent us from celebrating what is going to come!

To our students ... In times of uncertainty, you are always offered tremendous opportunity. By leading by example, continuing to be role models, and living responsibly, your generation will leave a legacy like no other!

We have posted numerous resources on our website, including information about free breakfasts and lunches for students under the age of 18, which will continue, as well as answers to frequently asked questions regarding the school closure. You can find these details and more by visiting our website at adacougars.net. The site also includes recommendations from the CDC about protecting your health and the health of your loved ones. We ask you to please follow their

advice by: (1) washing your hands regularly; (2) staying at home, if you can; and (3) practicing social distancing of at least six feet from others.

This is an unprecedented situation, and it has required an unprecedented response. However, we can still take care of Ada's students. This is a community that sticks together in challenging times, and we know this experience will be no different. As soon as we identify our next steps, we will share them with you.

Please stay safe. As always, we appreciate your support of the Ada City School District.

Sincerely,

Mike Anderson, Superintendent

Ada City School District