

March 15 – Update from Superintendent Rendle:

Good morning, this is superintendent Pat Rendle. Please take the time to read this entire message.

Similar information is going out to all area school districts.

This update contains information that you will need as an ISD 118 community member.

As you may be aware, this morning, Governor Walz directed all K-12 public and charter schools to close starting Wednesday, March 18th for a period ending on March 27th. Students will not be attending school during this time, but schools will be using this time to plan for the possibility that schools are closed longer and education continues through a distance option.

As the Governor stated this statewide closure will run from Wednesday, March 18th through Friday, March 27th. This closure includes all after-school and extra-curricular activities.

At this point, the plan from the state is that schooling will resume on March 30th, perhaps in the form of distance learning. It would be wise for parents and guardians to begin thinking about what would happen if our closure were to be extended longer and learning continues through a distance option.

Again, school districts and charter schools (and St. Joseph's) will be closed starting this Wednesday. During this initial closure students will not be at school to receive education. This is a planning period for staff to create a continuous learning plan that works for our community should we have to remain closed for a longer period of time.

Expect more messages like these to come out as more information develops.

You can find additional information about COVID-19 on our website. We will continue to post the latest updates on our website and provide information via this system.

Please be reassured that we continue to monitor the situation closely. Thank you for your continued support in keeping students and employees safe.