

# CHARITON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Chariton Families,

Friday, April 17 Governor Kim Reynolds announced that all schools in Iowa will remain closed through the end of the school year to help prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

This announcement will continue to affect all Chariton School District programming, including before and after school activities, all athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, and all weekend events. It is our hope that we will be able to reschedule prom and graduation for later this summer, but we do not yet know how these events will look.

I know this decision has caused a great deal of concern and disappointment for our students, staff, and families. The pandemic arrived quickly, and when we first were directed to close our school buildings in March, we did not realize it would be the last time we would see our students in person this school year. Please know that we share in your disappointment.

We will follow our district school calendar for 2019-20 and our last day will be Friday, May 29. We will continue with voluntary learning services until that date, just as we have over the past several weeks. We encourage all families to keep their students engaged in these activities to ensure learning continues to take place through the end of the school year. Doing nothing from March 15 to August 24 will not prepare children to be successful next school year. Our staff is ready to assist all families in these efforts, as well as help bridge this gap.

We will continue school lunch services through the extended school closure, as well. Currently, we are delivering meals every Wednesday. These deliveries ensure meals for each school day through May 29. We will also offer our summer meal program again. Details on that program will be available as we get closer to June 1.

The Iowa State Department of Education will be giving us guidance in the future on how we return to school in the 2020-21 school year. We will look at their recommendations once we get them and formulate a plan. We will communicate what that specifically looks like for the Chariton Community School District.

Once again, thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this unprecedented time. We will get through this together. Please continue to stay safe, practice social distancing, and remain at home as much as possible.

Sincerely,



Larry

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**Successful Learning For All Students**

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