COVID-19 Update March 20, 2020

There are just a few items that I would like to provide information and clarity on as we move forward. School is *not* in session through next Friday, March 27, 2020. This is time for our teachers and staff to comprise a distance learning plan, should it need to go into effect due to the COVID-19 situation.

The School Board approved the following 2019-2020 calendar changes at the Regular Board Meeting last night:

- 1. Conferences that were originally scheduled for next week, March 24 and 26, have been cancelled. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact their teacher(s) after March 27. Here is a link to our staff directory for email addresses: Staff Directory
- 2. Monday, March 30, was originally scheduled to be a "non student" day. This will now be a school day. Whether that will be our first distance learning day, or a regular day with students back in our buildings, is yet to be determined. You will be notified as soon as we have been notified as to how to move forward.
- 3. Third quarter has been extended to end on April 3. This will provide our students and teachers with flexibility to complete assignments and grading. Again, if you need to discuss your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher(s) after Friday, March 27.

We are continuing the process of providing meals (breakfast and lunch) for our students. Our district has been granted a waiver which allows us to provide this service with *no charge* to families. Beginning on Monday, March 23, we will incorporate a WEEKLY delivery, rather than daily. This will provide us the ability to minimize person-to-person contact. Delivery and pickup will continue at the designated locations, but will only be on Mondays. Pick-up is from 10:45-11:15 am. Delivery will be approximately 10:45-12:00. If you have a large family, please bring something to carry it in for ease of transport. You will receive five days worth of breakfast and lunch in each of these packages. If you would like to receive the meals and are not currently on our list, please contact our Food Service Supervisor, Dawn Richard at drichard@rushcity.k12.mn.us or 320-358-1306.

Lastly, both the High School and CE Jacobson will be open on Tuesday, March 24 from 2:00-5:00 pm. This is an opportunity for students and parents to pick up essential items such as ChromeBooks, textbooks, and other school supplies that they may need in the event that we implement our distance learning plan. High School students and elementary parents are asked to go directly to their locker, get their materials, and exit the building, as we respect the directive for social distancing.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. We are doing our best to respond to phone calls and emails as they arrive. We can get through this together!

William Campbell Superintendent