



CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Charleroi Area School District Learning Community,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the Charleroi Area School District plans for the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, we are navigating uncharted waters as we try to prepare a coordinated and systematic response to this pandemic. Our overall goal is to help contain the spread and mitigate the impact of the virus. More cases of the COVID-19 are expected in our state in the coming days.

In response to a report from Center for Disease Control, school closures are recommended for a minimum of two weeks. Out of an abundance of caution, the Charleroi Area School District will be closed beginning at the end of the school day on **Friday, March 13, 2020**, and classes will be cancelled through **Friday, March 27, 2020**. Classes are expected to resume **Monday, March 30, 2020**. The mainlines of communication will be through the Charleroi Area School District website www.charleroisd.org and via the district-wide phone messaging system. Again, tentative plans are to resume school on Monday, March 30, 2020. Please be advised, the duration of closure depends solely on an assessment of COVID-19 risk.

During district closure, we will be suspending all activities for the duration of the two-week period. All district facilities, including athletic facilities will be unavailable for use until further notice.

In an effort to continue support for our students and families, the district will have free take-out lunches available on the weekdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2020-Friday, March 27, 2020. Meals may be picked up at either Charleroi Area High School Cafeteria or at the J.K. Tenner Library. Please follow signs at each location directing where to pick up meals. Please note that this service will not be available on weekends. To help with meal count, we would appreciate if you would kindly call into your child's building by 12:00 p.m. the day prior to your child receiving a take-out lunch. Please watch the website for further updates and information on intended food services.

It is our sincere hope as a district that you will continue to talk with your children about their questions and concerns regarding the risks of COVID-19. These are trying times, even for the youngest in our school community. This is not the school year we envisioned for our children, but we must continue to support one another and take the appropriate preventative actions to maintain the health and safety of our students, families, and community members. If we can show compassion for those who are ill or caring for sick family members, empathy for each other, and patience during this strenuous time, we will end up stronger.

Yours in Education,

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