



## *Strasburg School District 31J*

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Yesterday the Governor issued an executive order closing all public and private schools until April 17, 2020.

As I have previously reported, our district was prepared to close and begin providing instructional materials via online, email, and perhaps Zoom or Google meeting. We are going to continue with our plan.

It is important to remember that every student across the nation is experiencing the same interruption to regular classroom instruction. Agencies such as The College Board who administers the SAT are working to address the testing schedule. Universities and Colleges are also adjusting their admission requirements and timelines as well. I'm certain that as soon as this immediate threat is over, testing will resume.

Next week we will begin to distribute food on a curbside basis. Beginning Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> meals for kids ages 1 to 18 will be distributed. Meals will be packed for Tuesday and Friday pickup dates. The Tuesday pickup will include food for 3 days the Friday pick up will include food for 2days. When picking up food either the child must be with the driver or a student ID presented.

Teachers will meet via Zoom with their building Principals on Monday to outline the timeframe for distributing materials to students. Those schedules will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

**We understand that we cannot replace face to face instruction. We are attempting to give students opportunities to continue to be engaged with material. We don't expect parents to teach their children advanced skills or content. Teachers will be available to speak with students or meet over Zoom to answer questions and give guidance.**

**Even if this closure lasts until the end of the year, be assured that your children will academically recover from this and will not experience long-term loss. We are in the last quarter of the year, and will likely be allowed to conduct summer school for those students most at risk of loss.**

**This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to engage in games, conversations, cooking, and playing- all of which are wonderful opportunities for kids to learn.**

**We are still on spring break! When the snow ends, grab your sleds and go outside.**



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## **Graduation –**

Today during a phone meeting with the Colorado Department of Education and Governor Polis, School Districts were told to prepare for the closure to last through the end of the school year.

Governor Polis specifically said that it is “highly unlikely there will be any traditional graduation ceremonies”. He felt that under the best scenario we might be back for the last week of school, but he doubts that.

We know the significance of a graduation ceremony. It’s one of the largest milestones in a person’s life. Although we probably won’t be allowed to have the scheduled ceremony in May, we will hold a ceremony when the restrictions have been lifted.

## **Internet and Devices –**

We have been given permission to allow students to use our buildings to access internet and devices as long as we limit the number of students grouping to 10 or fewer with room to separate. As the Principals work with teachers to develop lessons they will give out the open hours for buildings.