

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On the morning of Sunday, March 15, 2020 the governor of Minnesota made the decision to close **ALL** public schools in the state starting Wednesday, March 18th through Friday, March 27th. For Glenville-Emmons Public School this means there will be no school for all students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. School **will** be in session on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th. These two days will be school as normal or as normal as possible.

Per the governor's mandate, the eight days schools are required to be closed are to be used by teachers to make plans for *Distance Learning* in case the closure is extended past March 27th.

What does that mean for you and your children:

1. No educational services will be provided from Wednesday, March 17th – Friday, March 27th
2. Students WILL NOT be assigned any homework and there will be no expectations that any work will need to be completed during this time.
3. No meals will be provided
4. No activities or practices will be allowed
5. The end of the 3rd quarter will be Tuesday, March 17th

With the possibility of a longer closure, we are instructing students on Tuesday, March 17th to take home textbooks, notebooks, and any other educational materials they may need IF schools are closed for a longer time. We would also suggest taking home gym clothes, snow pants and boots.

These are very uncertain times right now and we are working hard to make sure our students are safe and are able to continue receiving a quality education. I do not have all the answers but will continue to provide assistance and direction throughout this closure. I am certain there are many, many questions out there that I have not even touched upon. The reason for this letter is to get the basics out to everyone in a timely manner and to also assure everyone we will get more answers to your questions in the coming days.

So to reiterate: **1. School will be open on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th.**

2. School will be closed Wednesday, March 18th – Friday, March 27th

3. Students are not to come to school for any reason starting Wednesday, March 18th until further notice.

As I stated above, I know you will have questions and you can certainly send me an email with these question. I will do my best to respond to you in a timely manner. Also understand if you call the school to ask questions, they may not have the answer so we are asking for your understanding and patience.

Thank you,

Brian Shanks

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