

March 15, 2020

Dear Lyle Families:

Today, Governor Tim Walz and Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker announced that all Minnesota public schools will close to students starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 with the plan to resume instruction on Monday, March 30, 2020. Lyle Public School has decided to close school both Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th as well. This letter will provide information on what you can expect as a family during this break.

During this two-week closure for students, Lyle Public School will join school districts across the state to create plans to equitably distribute distance learning to our students should we need to close schools statewide for a longer period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minnesota Department of Education is defining distance learning to mean that a student receives daily interaction, possibly via technology, with their licensed teacher(s) and appropriate educational materials. Starting March 30, 2020, per the instruction from the Minnesota Department of Education, student learning will continue for the rest of the school year.

Our staff will give thoughtful planning to our distance learning plan, offering careful consideration for students in a variety of areas, including students receiving special education services, multilingual learners, and students who rely on meals served at school. Once our distance learning plan is finalized, we will communicate the plan to our families on our school website. We will also be coordinating plans to get school supplies and personal items back into the hands of each family. As always, we will utilize our website, Facebook, and text messaging system to share information with all of you.

If your child(ren) take either prescribed or as needed medications at school, please plan accordingly for the medications they may need at home over the next few weeks. Parents/guardians can pick up medications from the school nursing office during regular school hours. This will be similar to the last day of school where we only allow adults to pick up the meds. When classes resume, we ask that a parent or guardian bring the meds back to the school nursing office.

Additionally, during this break, there will be no MSHSL activities and practices for Lyle-Pacelli. As previously directed by the MSHSL, there will be no games and competitions with other MSHSL programs for Spring activities and athletics until April 6, 2020.

We want to be clear with what you can expect. From March 16th through the 27th, there will no instruction, food service, nor activity practices. All of these will resume in some fashion starting March 30th. Stay tuned for further information.

As always, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. We want to ensure every child has access to the education they need and deserve.

We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Bryan Boysen, Superintendent/Elem Principal

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