



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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After much collaboration and communication with District leaders throughout and around our region and county, the decision has been made to activate our remote learning plans and close access to our school buildings.

As a result, effective Monday, March 16, 2020, the Little Falls Township Public School District will be moving to a virtual learning status. There are NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Little Falls at this time. This action is being taken in an effort to slow the rapidly spreading Coronavirus.

During this time, students are expected to follow the online learning assignments outlined in the letters you received from your principal(s) yesterday. Each morning, you will receive an eblast from me with the Pledge of Allegiance to officially start the school day.

All school and district activities are canceled/postponed effective Saturday, March 14, 2020 until further notice. This includes SACC and any afterschool activity. **PLEASE NOTE, AT THIS TIME, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, 3/17/2020 AT 7:00PM WILL STILL BE CONDUCTED.** I will communicate any changes.

It is anticipated that our virtual learning status will remain until Friday, March 27, 2020, at which point we will reassess the situation and confer with local, county, and state officials.

Our District Health-Related Closure Preparedness Plan is posted on our website under the COVID-19 tab. Please review this plan for student attendance and other important information. Remember, your child(ren) must participate daily and complete work to be counted as present. Again, the Preparedness Plan and the information your Principal sent home outlines each school's specific requirements.

We recognize the inconvenience this decision places on many families, but believe that it is in the public's best interest that we remain committed to protecting our students and the community's health and well-being.

Our empathy has guided us through the development of our plan, which has many flexible submission options for the varying family situations and/or hardships you will be dealing with. We have had several families reach out to offer childcare in the event of a closing. Work together. Contact your friends and neighbors. "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Over the past few weeks, this situation has evolved rapidly. I want to personally thank the staff and administration for their dedication and teamwork, which allows us to maintain student education virtually without missing a beat. I also want to personally thank each of you for your trust, patience, and understanding during this time.

If at any point during this virtual learning time you need to contact the Superintendent, Board of Education Office, Principal, Nurse, or School Secretary you should do so utilizing email. The one exception is for student absences. Please review the Preparedness Plan for directions, which include calling the Absence Verification Line as is normal procedure.

Be well and stay safe,

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