

# **Stafford Public Schools**

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To: Stafford Public Schools Community

From: Steven A. Moccio, Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 16, 2020

Re: COVID-19 School District Update

Below are a few updates regarding closure of the schools, student learning, and the breakfast / lunch program.

#### **Closure of Schools / School Calendar**

Yesterday afternoon, the Governor signed an executive order that directs schools to be closed through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. I have received many questions regarding what the rest of the school year will look. Unfortunately, the situation is evolving so quickly that I do not have those answers at this time.

#### **Student Learning**

Today, I received correspondence from the Commissioner of Education requesting all schools begin shifting their thinking from supplemental learning, intended to meet the needs of short-term cancellations, to distance learning in lieu of regular attendance in the school buildings. The district is actively working on a revised plan to provide interim learning opportunities. On Friday, students in attendance at school were sent home with materials for the next two weeks, and I respectfully request all parents continue to utilize those materials while the plan for interim learning opportunities can be finalized and shared with staff, parents, and students.

### **Breakfast / Lunch Program**

The district has received new guidance from the CSDE and United States Department of Agriculture that any child 18 years old and younger can receive meals as part of the breakfast / lunch program. I would ask anyone interested in taking part to please use the following link should you wish to participate. <a href="https://forms.gle/9hp7iorULbSbkte56">https://forms.gle/9hp7iorULbSbkte56</a>

This situation continues to evolve quickly. Please be assured that I will be monitoring and providing additional information as it becomes available. Please practice social distancing and follow the recommendations previously communicated regarding healthy lifestyles.