March 19, 2020

Kokomo School Corporation Students, Families, and Staff Members,

Kokomo School Corporation staff members have been working hard to respond to the changing realities due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Our staff members quickly have implemented preventative measures as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and State and local authorities. We have introduced novel and innovative methods for delivering instruction remotely to continue our principal task of "...developing lifelong learners for our changing world.”

This “changing world” continues to require adaptive procedures for meeting the most basic needs of our students. I have received countless affirmations of success related to these goals from you throughout this past week: Pictures and screenshots showing your child learning remotely; Workers and volunteers preparing and delivering over 15,000 meals to families; Teachers creating three, four, and five different ways of delivering the same lesson based upon differing circumstances and boundaries for individual student learners. The examples and narratives of success could go on.

Most importantly, together we are working through this pandemic. We are doing our best to establish routines for our students. Our parents, guardians, and other family members and friends have become our co-teachers in many ways. You have demonstrated the spirit that we are all in this together. And together, we will get through this.

On a technical side, Kokomo School Corporation officials continue to work with local county leaders, including our health department, to do what we can do to "flatten the curve" and limit the spread of this virus. We are preparing for every possible scenario, and we continue to enact varied protocols and procedures out of an abundance of caution, and in an effort to keep our students, families, and staff, healthy and safe.

Based upon today’s mandate from the Governor’s office, and as part of the spirit of togetherness described above, Kokomo School Corporation officials have extended the length of our building closures. Specifically, Kokomo School Corporation formally has announced that school buildings will be closed and all face-to-face instruction will be canceled through May 1, 2020. ALL extra- and co-curricular activities also are canceled; including community and non-profit organization-sponsored events at our school buildings or school grounds.

Our existing remote learning/"eLearning" schedule continues. On regularly-scheduled school weeks (i.e. excluding spring break weeks from March 30th - April 10th), Kokomo School Corporation will be operating on the following schedule:

- **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** – Remote/distance learning ("eLearning")
- **Tuesdays and Fridays** – School/Classes canceled (no "make-up" dates)
Additionally, Gov. Holcomb and Indiana State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick announced that **all State-mandated tests have been canceled for the 2019-2020 school year.** These cancellations include ILEARN, ISTEP+, IREAD, and all other State tests.

Breakfast and lunch “take away” meals continue to be available at NO cost for ALL students. Meals will be available on Wednesdays until our school buildings reopen. Meals are available on Wednesdays at the following times and locations:

- Bon Air Middle School – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
- Central Middle School – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
- Maple Crest Middle School – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)

Thank you to our families who patiently waited as Kokomo School Corporation cafeteria staff distributed over 15,000 meals this past Wednesday. We are preparing even more meals for future weeks. Additionally, I am pleased to report that through the tireless generosity of our cafeteria managers and staff, as well as with the help of a substantial grant from Duke Energy, **KSC also will be offering these meals on Wednesdays during spring break.**

As a reminder, students and families may report to any of these three schools, regardless of which preschool, elementary school, middle school, or high school your child attends. Each Wednesday, five breakfasts and five lunches are provided for each student.

I want to thank our teachers for their amazing work in creating remote learning lessons for students. Parents and guardians are reminded to contact your child’s teacher or principal if you have not received any educational lessons for remote learning.

A dedicated page of the Kokomo School Corporation website continues to be updated with additional information and resources for students, teachers, and staff. This site may be reached through KSC’s homepage at [www.kokomoschools.com](http://www.kokomoschools.com) or by going directly to [www.kokomoschools.com/covid19](http://www.kokomoschools.com/covid19).

Kokomo School Corporation officials have closed the district office on Fridays. District office staff members are available to take your phone calls and emails from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays during the weeks when school has been canceled and remote learning (on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) is occurring.

Again, **ALL KSC school buildings are closed and ALL face-to-face instruction is canceled through Friday, May 1, 2020. School buildings are now set to reopen on Monday, May 4, 2020.** This date is subject to additional change. An updated calendar is on our website.

In closing, please take care of your personal health and continue to follow recommendations of health experts. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jeff Hauswald
Superintendent