

# Stoutland R-II School District

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Chuck Stockton, Superintendent



March 16, 2020

Dear Stoutland R-II Families

Due to continued concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), I am writing to inform you that the Stoutland R-II School District will close beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through at least Friday, April 3, 2020, which includes our scheduled Spring Break from March 23-27. We shall continuously assess this evolving situation, keep you informed about any changes in our status, and verify our return to school date.

There is no higher priority than the safety of our students, staff and community. As our local, national, and international communities continue to assess the spread of COVID-19, we continuously monitor local, state and national sources of information and react to ongoing guidance from the local and state health departments, the State Department of Education, and the CDC.

The following steps are planned and will be implemented beginning today (03-16-20):

- Students will be sent home with all personal belongings, textbooks and school supplies
- Students in grades 4 through 12 will be issued a school Chromebook for use at home
- Teachers will develop and deliver to students' alternative homebound instruction beginning the Week of Monday, March 30.
- Prior to March 30, additional instructions and details shall be provided regarding the delivery, completion and pickup of PK-12 homebound student assignments.

The following items are currently in the planning stages for implementation district wide Monday, March 30.

- Accessing individual family food service needs
- Planning for the home delivery of no less than 2 meals per day to families requesting same.
- Accessing the availability of home delivery for a 3<sup>rd</sup> meal per day, per student.

Please [click here](#) to provide our food service department with your food service needs. All information provided shall be confidential. While still seeking guidance from the State Department of Education, we anticipate meal charges to remain unchanged from the current costs to your family, be it free, reduced or full pay.

We realize that closing our school presents many hardships for your family. Our ability to provide learning during this unprecedented time will require a close partnership between the school and you, our parents/guardians. Teachers will establish bi-weekly office dates and times to assist you and your children with their learning needs. Teacher availability and contact information shall be provided in a future communication.

Please regularly check the district website, Stoutland R-II Facebook page and your email. Your assistance in helping us reach our families without internet access in a timely manner is greatly appreciated.

Please be mindful that you and your family's response to COVID-19 precautions has significant implications upon others. These and other efforts are intended to produce social distancing to prevent spikes in the spread of the virus that might outpace available medical resources resulting in life threatening consequences for our most vulnerable populations – those with underlying health conditions resulting in virus complications.

As allowed, administrative and clerical staff will maintain our current hours of operation to provide daily support, updates and answer to questions as they become available; however, we ask that your communications be limited to phone calls, texts and emails. Thank you for your patience and continued support of our efforts to be proactive during this unprecedented time. I am confident our resiliency and desire to support each other will help us through these challenging times.

Blessings

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Stockton".

Chuck Stockton