



March 19, 2020

Dear WBOCCSC Parents,

This afternoon, Governor Eric Holcomb directed all Indiana K-12 public schools to close until May 1, 2020 in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In compliance with this announcement, Western Boone County Community School Corporation (WBOCCSC) will remain closed but continue to utilize eLearning. In conjunction with the extended closure, the governor announced the cancellation of statewide testing for 2019-2020, including IREAD-3, ILEARN, I AM, ISPROUT, and ISTEP+ 10.

While the closure presents previously unforeseen challenges, WBOCCSC is confident that everyone in our school community will continue to work collaboratively to find viable solutions moving forward. Over the last five days, we have seen remarkable examples of teamwork and problem solving. There is no doubt this will continue for the next five weeks.

Ultimately, WBOCCSC is confident that our students that complete their assigned eLearning coursework will receive the instruction and relevant content knowledge they need to be prepared for the next grade and stay on course with current graduation requirements and timelines. Students who fail to complete required eLearning coursework jeopardize grade promotion and/or credits necessary for graduation. Parents are reminded to check Harmony, Canvas, and communicate with teachers to monitor student performance and progress. Beginning Monday, March 30th, the deadlines for completing eLearning assignments will more closely resemble timelines for typical instructional days. Specific due dates and submission deadlines will be communicated by building principals and teachers via email. All work assigned prior to spring break will be due by March 30, 2020.

Moving forward, WBOCCSC will likely utilize a combination of state-approved waiver and eLearning days to complete the next five weeks. Once a schedule is finalized, it will be shared with parents and posted on our website. School sponsored events affected by the closure will be addressed and rescheduled if possible. Information related to athletics will be communicated via the Athletic Department.

Upon the return from spring break, WBOCCSC will provide five days' worth of meals, including breakfast and lunch, to students in need each week. Additional information and a link for signing up will be communicated via email in the next few days.

We are all in this fight against COVID-19 together. Social distancing guidelines, good hygiene habits, limiting social interaction to groups of 10 or less, and staying home, are all essential in combating the spread. As adults, we have the opportunity to teach and model civic responsibility to our students in response to this crisis. Thank you for doing your part during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Rob Ramey, Superintendent